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Minor flooding in some parts of Saipan

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Some areas on Saipan experienced minor flooding yesterday as the monsoonal low pressure system east of the Marianas drifted northeast of Pagan.

Press secretary Ivan Blanco said they monitored flooding in some areas on the island, but not to the point where people have to evacuate their homes.

Motorists cautioned about strong winds

"We're monitoring, but there's no evacuation call right now," Blanco said.

He said flooding was experienced in some areas in Kannat Tabla, Chinatown, Capital Hill, Chalan Kanoa, Susupe, San Jose, and Garapan.

Blanco said if it keeps raining, evacuation centers may likely be activated.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres advised CNMI residents to stay informed on the latest statements and advisories about the low pressure system from the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency.

According to the U.S. National

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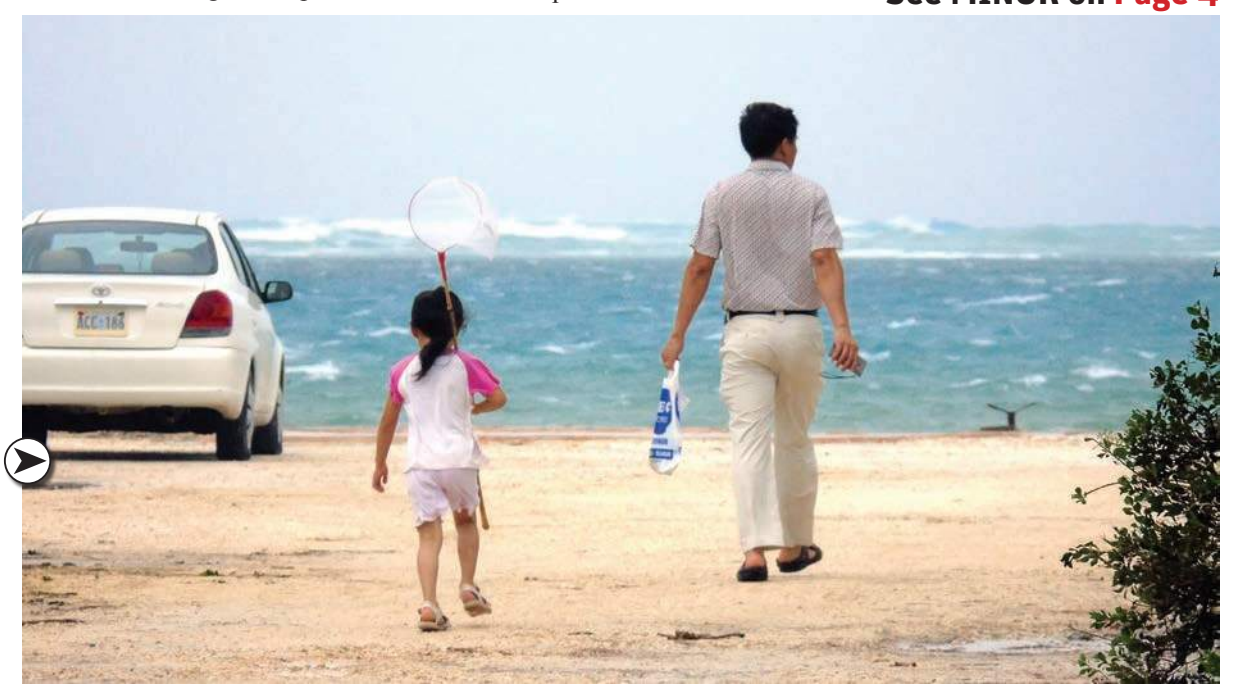

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Rain, strong winds, and big waves brought by a monsoonal low pressure area fails to stop this tourist and his daughter from sightseeing at the Garapan Fishing Base yesterday afternoon. Some areas on Saipan experienced minor flooding in the past two days.

Demapan still sees positive side of NMI's poor rating

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House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan (R-Saipan) said he still sees the positive side of the report presented by two independent contractors employed by the U.S. Department of the Interior-Office of Insular Affairs that gave the CNMI's financial health a poor 2 rating.

Demapan

Graduate School USA International Institute program manager Stephen Latimer and Crawford & Associates

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) is surrounded by family members, friends, and supporters after filing his nominating petition and paying his candidate fee to the Commonwealth Election Commission yesterday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Kilili files candidacy for 5th term in US Congress

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) yesterday announced he will run for his fifth term representing the people of the Northern Mariana Islands in the U.S. Congress.

Together with family members, friends, and supporters the congressman filed his nominating petition and paid his candidate fee to the Commonwealth Election Commission, as required by law, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Sablan also spoke to those gathered with him on the election commission steps.

"Eight years ago I promised that, if elected to be your first representative in the U.S. Congress, I would work my heart out for the people of the Northern Mariana Islands. Today, I am here at the Commonwealth Election Commission, surrounded by family and friends, who have done so much to help me over the years, to put my name on the ballot once again. And, once again, I promise you and all the people of our islands that every day, as long as you entrust

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IT&E said it went through the entire process and submitted all clearances to agencies involved before putting up a cell site at Suicide Cliff in Marpi.

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With over 200 participants, ranging from community members, volunteers, and Tan Holdings employees, the JP Memorial Walk Glow Run & Health Fair was an unqualified success.

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The Kids Drama Camp run by Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club concluded last week with a sold-out screening of a *Star Wars* Kids Fanfilm Festival.

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Only one candidate submits zoning sign permit application

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With less than a week from the deadline for political candidates to obtain zoning sign permits, only one has so far submitted an application to the CNMI Zoning Office.

Zoning administrator Therese T. Ogumoro disclosed yesterday that they are giving candidates until Wednesday, Aug. 10, 4:30pm to submit their applications for temporary zoning permit.

Ogumoro said only one candidate so far submitted an application, while several others already picked up applications but have yet to turn them in.

"We're encouraging them to bring it in before the deadline to avoid facing penalty of $250 per day," she pointed out.

Ogumoro refused to name the candidate that submitted the application.

A source, however, disclosed that it's Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), who submitted the application three weeks ago.

Ogumoro said all they need is the filled-up application with attached listing of the locations where candidates are going to install their campaign signs.

The temporary zoning permit costs $140. Zoning has started issuing such permit in 2008.

"I see it reasonable to charge $140," the administrator said.

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Torres signs various measures into law

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed three measures into law, the most significant of which is Senate Bill 19-68 regarding copper wire theft. SB 19-68 becomes Public Law 19-57, while Saipan Local Law 19-30 appropriating $1 million to various projects is now known as SLL 19-19 and House Local Bill 19-50 is now SLL 19-20.

PL 19-57 added a new subsection where there would be a 10-day waiting period for the payment of copper wires in order to prevent copper wire thefts on the island.

Copper wire theft became a serious problem in the CNMI especially the recent incident that happened at the Froilan C. Tenorio Beach Road Pathway. The Marianas Visitors Authority, during that time, was in the process of re-lighting the pathway with RNV Construction as project contractor.

On May 28, RNV personnel found out that copper wire at the bridge near the Atkins Kroll-Microl San Jose intersection where pulled out and missing.

"Copper wire theft causes business owners and residents financial loss and disrupts electrical service to homes, stores, and other structures when the wires are stolen and sold at recycling centers," as stated in PL 19-57.

With PL 19-57, there is now a 10-day waiting period for owners of recycling shops to pay the person who is selling the copper wire. The recycler is also required to give the Department of Public Safety copies of its sale transactions in three days.

"The waiting period provides time for DPS to investigate the sale, most especially those who frequently sell copper wire," according to the newly signed law.

Violating payment withholding or failure to provide the sale receipt will cost the recycler a $500 fine or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both.

HLB 19-30, meanwhile, appropriates $1 million from the Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees under PL 18-56. The money was spread out to fund various projects in the CNMI's third senatorial district.

SLL 19-19 has allocated the following amount: $75,000 for a feasibility of a Northern Marianas Cultural Center; $50,000 for the Refaluwasch in the Marianas Celebration; $73,000 for the repair of facilities at the Northern Marianas Trades Institute damaged by Typhoon Soudelor last year; $50,000 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's operations; and $19,750 for the Office of the Governor as reimbursement for the CNMI All Star Senior baseball team that competed in this year's Asia Pacific Little League Regional Tournament in the Philippines.

Also earmarked were $22,600 for the Saipan Mayor's Office to pay their balance to IT&E; $26,625 for the CNMI boys' U17 national teams that competed in the Micronesian Basketball Federation and Western Division Basketball tournaments; $106,241for drainage repairs of Precinct I's Tuturam Road; $106,241 for drainage, pathway, sidewalk, social halls, basketball court, rehabilitation of Pacho Park, Sugar Dock, construction and installation of stop signs in the villages of Precinct II; and $106,241 for Precinct II's As Falape Road water booster pumps.

Another $40,000 for installation of water pumps, water lines, and additional materials needed for Precinct IV; $56,266 for road repairs at Precinct IV; 9,975 to renovate Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School's entrance walkway; $45,000 to repair and upgrade the Kagman Elementary School baseball field in Precinct V; $71,241 for the Saipan Mayor's Office to buy heavy truck; and $15,000 for Inetnon Kutturan Natibu Mwiischil Safey Me Kkor Aramasal Faluw in editing and revising Chamorro-English dictionary were also appropriated by the new law.

The inaugural Marianas Trench Fish and Seafood Festival also got $5,000; $47,000 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council building repairs; $20,000 for the Northern Islands' Too Beautiful to Bomb film project; $55,000 for the Division of Parks and Recreation to buy a 4x4 pickup truck ($40,000), riding mower parts and accessories used for park maintenance ($10,000), and trash receptacles for Saipan beaches ($5,000) were funded under the new law.

SLL 19-20, HLB 19-50, reappropriates $12,128.73 and $10,000 each from BU3398K and BU3400Y to be used to construct roof cover for student educational activities at Koblerville Elementary School and the procurement of student desks and chairs at the San Antonio Middle School. Both schools are in Precinct 1.

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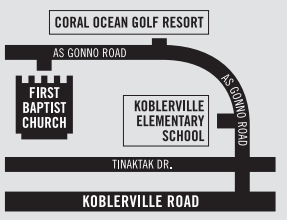

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DEMAPAN

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president Frank Crawford presented the Performeter Report to help the Legislature understand the CNMI's financial health.

The U.S. Department of the Interior every year sponsors the report where those tasked to make the study and summary must develop financial management analysis of each government from the five territories.

The CNMI report, however, is based on data from 2014 where the Commonwealth, along with other Pacific Island nations, were still reeling from the after effects of the global financial crisis. The rating is expected to improve a little for 2015 even with the Internet outage and Typhoon Soudelor, which happened in succession in the third quarter of last year, affecting the result.

Demapan said despite the report being done in 2014, it would still help them and the administration to track the economic and financial status of the CNMI, and plan ahead for the future.

"It is still a good indicator with some figures remain a good indicator on our financial health. We're going to wait for the 2015 report and use that data to see how can we further address and track the CNMI's economic activity," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Demapan said the retirement settlement being transferred to the government is one of the indicators why the CNMI scored low and added that the 2016 data would clearly show that the CNMI economy is on an upswing. "The OIA makes sure they have this status report and it will be a guide for us."

"They [Latimer and Crawford] will have a better indication and us a more positive result once the 2016 results comes out. Anyway, the report is almost the same with the other territories. The report is not only for the CNMI but also for all territories.

American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are the other U.S. territories.

Demapan said compiling and summarizing a one-year report is a difficult task that's why he understands why they don't have the latest numbers.

"Accounting is hard and very complex. It will really require you to have additional time to make sure you come up with the correct ant exact numbers. Yes, it is delayed but it is worth waiting," Demapan said.

Performeter report

Crawford said they also gave the presentation to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and the rest of his administration. "The presentation is for them to understand the financial health even though you're not an accountant to figure it out. What we do is take the financial reports from the audit report and we basically say, 'from the scale of 1 to 10, are we a 10 with excellent financial health or 1 with poor financial health.'"

Latimer said they developed the tool to assist governments of the five territories in assessing their financial health. "They just wanted to get an idea. It is difficult to go through the pages and papers of these financial statements."

"They wanted to get ideas since there's a lot of economic development happening right now. The cranes can be seen in the sky and restaurants are full, with that a lot of revenue, what are they going to do with it. Expand or settle their prior obligations and liabilities?"

JON PEREZ

Crawford & Associates president Frank Crawford, left, answers questions from members of the Legislature while Graduate School USA International Institute program manager Stephen Latimer looks on during their presentation of the CNMI's Performeter Report last Tuesday at the House of Representatives chamber at the Hon. Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building on Capital Hill.

ZONING

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Ogumoro said once they issued the temporary zoning permit, the candidates have to comply with some conditions in it.

She cited some conditions include that signs should not be interrupting or obstructing view and should be of limited height.

Ogumoro noted that only this year that they kind of look at things coming in slow and that she has a feeling that many candidates are confused.

"Most of them are gearing toward putting up signboards on private properties," she said.

Ogumoro, however, pointed out that Zoning has jurisdictions at both private and public places.

"It's up to them to visit also Department of Public Lands if they are going to put on at public lands, but for Zoning it's anywhere—public and private," she said.

Ogumoro said some candidates may think because their signs will be on private property they don't need to get zoning permit.

She said under the law, Zoning has jurisdiction of both private and public properties.

"We encourage them to come in so they can go through the permitting process and they can know the requirements before installing their signs," she added.

MINOR

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Weather Service, as of 10am yesterday, the center of the monsoonal low pressure system was 160 miles east-northeast of Pagan and 310 miles north-northeast of Saipan.

Monsoonal west to southwest winds and periods of heavy showers and thunderstorms were expected across the Marianas Thursday night.

Isolated showers and thunderstorms are forecast for today, Friday, through the weekend and possibly well into next week.

NWS said winds have increased—up to 25 to 30 miles per hour over Tinian and Saipan and 15 to 25mph over Guam and Rota.

NMS said a small craft advisory is now in effect for the Marianas coastal waters as winds and seas are hazardous and seas have increased to around 10 feet near Saipan and Tinian.

NWS said because earlier rainfall has saturated the soil in some locations, brief flooding is possible especially in poor drainage areas.

Surf may become hazardous along west facing reefs today, Friday.

NWS advised motorists to use extra caution when driving and bring or keep light outdoor objects inside.

NWS said winds this strong can make driving difficult especially for high profile vehicles.

KILILI

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me to be your representative in Congress, I will always work and work and work for you," he said.

Sablan said in 2008, none really knew what it would mean to have someone from the Northern Marianas actually working for the CNMI inside the federal government.

"I promised I would focus on increasing funding for our students and schools. I wanted to include the Marianas fully in federal programs like SNAP. I wanted to get back our submerged lands. And, of course, everyone was concerned about how our economy would manage minimum wage increases and, especially, the transition to federal immigration. Well, we hit the ground running: making sure the Marianas was not left out of the Recovery Act, getting more money for schools, paying teachers' salaries, and putting over $30 million into our energy system."

Sablan also said during his watch minimum wage increases were also stretched out so businesses could absorb the cost and workers could get raises as quickly as the struggling economy would allow.

"We delayed immigration to give everyone more time to prepare, then worked with the Department of Homeland Security to keep the door open for Chinese and Russian tourists."

Sablan went on to rattle off other accomplishments during his term in U.S. Congress.

"The number of foreign workers has been cut in half; and we recently stretched out the transition period to 2019 so the Commonwealth government would have even more time to train our own local workers for jobs in our economy.

"A few months ago, Congress finally got around to revising the No Child Left Behind law; and I was able to use that opportunity to change the funding formula for insular schools—a change worth over $4 million for Marianas schools this year and in the years ahead."

Sablan said while it's great to look back at what he has accomplished, he said elections are about looking forward—and setting new goals.

"The Northern Marianas today are doing much better than when I was first elected. Our economy is stronger. We have new investment. We all know, however, that there are still huge problems to solve. Some of those problems are a matter of local self-government. Some are problems the federal government can help with."

He said many of the problems require both local and federal governments to work together and that's what he intends to do if once again reelected.

"Gov. [Ralph DLG] Torres recently proposed—and I introduced legislation—defining a way forward on immigration. He is working in the 902 consultations. I am using all the connections I have made in Congress over the years. I have introduced legislation that would provide the earned income tax credit for working families in the Marianas. The governor has made the same proposal in 902. The extra money from the credit will encourage people to go to work and help replace foreign workers," he said.

Sablan also said he's working on the Commonwealth's full inclusion in the Medicaid program.

"Last week, I was at the Democratic Convention in Philadelphia. And I can tell you that we are already working with the Clinton campaign to make sure that full inclusion in Medicaid for the Marianas—just like a state—is part of their plan for 2017. By the way, because of the extra money we got for Medicaid in Obamacare, the Affordable Care Act, our hospital has been able to stay open. [That's] $1 million every month since 2011."

On the education front, Sablan said he's looking ahead to the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act in the next Congress.

"Debt-free college is high on the Presidential agendas. And as a senior member of the Education Committee in the House of Representatives, I will be able to work to benefit our college and college students in the next Congress, the same way I helped elementary and secondary students in this Congress.

He ended his speech with a promise that if elected again on Nov. 8 he will return to the country's capital with eight years of experience behind him and ready to work smarter and harder than ever before.

"None of what I have been able to accomplish and none of what I aim to accomplish in the years ahead is possible without the support of all of you here today. I am so grateful for all the work you have done to help me get to Washington and stay there representing the people of the Marianas." ***(PR)***

Hindu community asks for support

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REPORTER

CNMI Hindu Community Inc. is asking for any assistance in rebuilding their community center and temple that was damaged last year by Typhoon Soudelor. Their facilities are located in Chalan Kanoa next to the former Sister Remedios School.

CNMI Hindu Community treasurer Anand Rajanna Katta said the said structure had no roof after it was blown away by Soudelor's strong winds.

"We are currently rebuilding with donations and volunteer services offered by our members, friends, and other community members," said Katta, who added that they are accepting cash or construction material donations.

Metal pipes, wood, plywood, cement, rebar, floor, and tiles are some of the construction materials that they need.

"[These are] the materials we can use to rebuild our community center and temple. Any dollar amount that you will give will help us. We will be forever be grateful from the bottom of our hearts," said Katta, who added that they are registered as a non-profit organization.

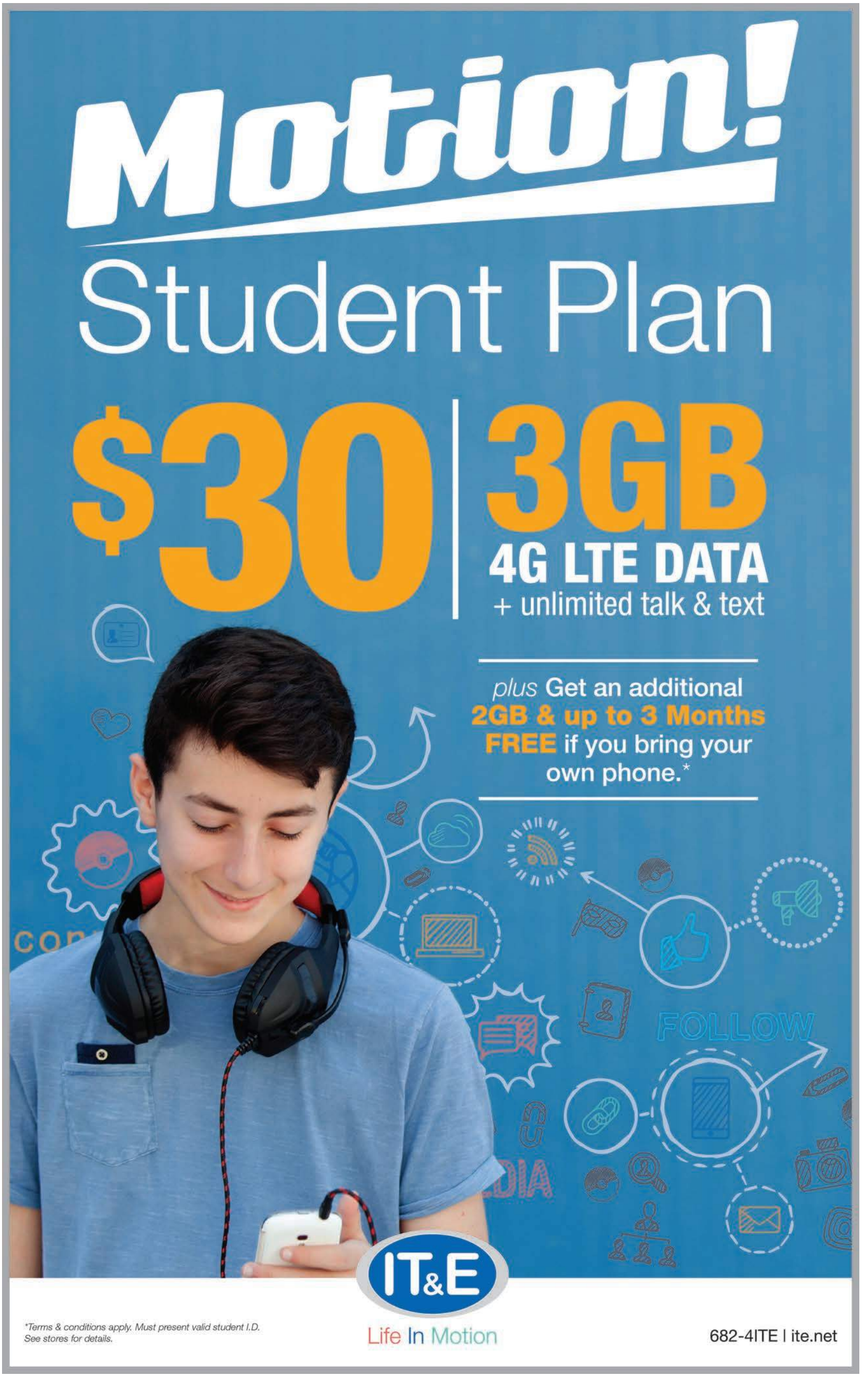
"We are involved to provide a forum for cultural and spiritual development activities as part of the CNMI community and the residents of Saipan," Katta said.

He said until now the Hindu community could not host any of their events for the past year. "We appreciate your kind gesture and support as we attempt to rebuild out facility. We were unable to conduct any functions at the facility since last year."

Anand said cash donors for check orders, direct deposits, EFT's, ACH transfers, and others to the CNMI Hindu Community Inc. with USA routing numbers: 121403065 and for wire transfers: 121301015.

For foreign wires the swift code is FHBKUS77 and account number is 12-016158 at First Hawaiian Bank. Checks can also be sent to postal address Oleai Branch, PO Box 500625, CK, Saipan, MP 96950, USA.

For more information, call Katta at 235-8555 or 483-8554 or Akhil C. Mollich at 287-9595 or Jagdish Roy at 285-2935.



SOU'Fest moved to Marianas Business Plaza

The concluding event for the commemoration of the first anniversary of Typhoon Soudelor has been moved from the Garapan Fishing Base to the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe.

Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts director Jenny Hegland said the decision to change the venue for this Saturday's SOU'Fest 2016 was due to the inclement weather expected over the weekend.

Hegland would like to assure the public that the safety of community members would be given top priority. Precautionary measures will be done to ensure that people will be safe and dry, in case of potential rain. In addition, there would also be volunteers who would help participants safely park their vehicles.

Hegland

SOU'Fest 2016 is an event created to commemorate the first year anniversary of Typhoon Soudelor and the community's road to recovery from this natural disaster. It's purpose is to "celebrate our unity, to reflect on what we have learned and how far we have come in our collective recovery, and to honor the resiliency and strength of all who provided and all who were impacted—especially those still working on recovery."

SOU'Fest activities include games for kids, food vendors, disaster preparedness information/resources and thousands of giveaways. Some of the highlights of the program are: remarks from Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Saipan Mayor David Apatang; live and dance music entertainment; award ceremony of the Northern Marianas Humanities Council's 2nd Annual Film Festival: Soudelor and the Winds of Change in the CNMI, and SOU'Fest Showdown karaoke contest.

The SOU'Fest Showdown Karaoke Contest is a fundraiser for the CARE families who still have repair and rebuild needs one year after Typhoon Soudelor. The potential singers include the following: Ivan Blanco, Manny Borja, Kelvin Fitial, Amber Mendiola, Peachy Quitugua with Nica Sablan, Sheelane Santos, and Gary Sword. For only $1, the public will have an opportunity to cast their votes on who they want to see perform among these potential singers. The top 3 contestants with the most votes will sing through a Karaoke showdown.

Everyone is welcome to attend the SOU'Fest 2016 this Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe. ***(Joan L. Taitano)***

Democrats working on selection of bets for Nov. 8 elections

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The NMI Democratic Party is trying to catch up in its selection process of candidates to meet the Aug. 10, 2016 deadline for submission for nominating petitions and candidacy for the Nov. 8 general elections, according to party chair Daniel O. Quitugua.

"This year, we started a little bit late into the election season. We got ourselves organized last month," said Quitugua in a phone interview yesterday.

Quitugua, however, said they are doing the necessary process in compliance both with their by-laws and election laws.

He disclosed that he was just talking to the chair of the committee tasked in the selection process of their candidates.

Quitugua said they have yet to determine their bets as they are in the selection process for all the positions.

He said the chair tasked for the selection has to meet with the executive central committee.

Quitugua disclosed they are trying to meet possibly today, Friday.

He said they are going to select the candidates for all offices, including the U.S. delegate, Senate, and House of Representatives.

"We are open for any individuals who are interested in any of those offices," he said.

For himself, Quitugua said he has no plans to run for any elected position. He said he just want to help the party and work hard for those individuals who have interest in running under the Democratic Party.

Quitugua was the running mate of the Democratic Party's gubernatorial candidate Edward M. Deleon Guerrero in the 2014 elections.

The Democratic Party's by-laws called for their 20 elected individuals in the CNMI.

"Amongst the 20 members of the central executive committee, the government body of the party, they elect, they chose their officers," Quitugua said.

Attorney Janet H. King is the party's vice chair, Jonathan Cabrera is the secretary, while Emiliana Chargualaf serves as the treasurer.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled a meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (Technology Room) in Susupe, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

I. PRELIMINARIES:
A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call
C. Adoption of Agenda
D. Adoption of Minutes – June 21, 2016 & July 14, 2016

II. REPORTS:
A. Report by the Chairman
B. Report by the Executive Director

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. OLD BUSINESS:
A. Casino Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS) - Update
B. CCC Training Schedule

V. NEW BUSINESS:
A. Casino Key Employee – Provisional License: (1) CHEUNG, C. C. (2) LAU, H.I.
B. Casino Vendor – Provisional License: Skywalker Communications Group LLC
C. Casino Junket Operator – Provisional License: JANG, D.Y.
D. Junket Remuneration - Junket Incentive Programs
E. VIP Operating Chip Float – IPI Request & Proposed SOP
F. Amendment to the Casino Regulations: CKE License 2 years; Provisional License Issues

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
A. Report by the Legal Counsel
B. Commission Personnel Matters

VII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:
A. Progress Report by Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC
B. Other Miscellaneous Matters

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day or more if necessary.

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Q&A with Cyril Song

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Greenstay sales executive Cyril Song poses in front of one of the company's model houses in Gualo Rai.

Cyril Song is featured in this Q&A special advertising feature where the Greenstay's sales executive director shares what the company has to offer to the island community.

Q: What is your position here in Greenstay?

A: My name is Cyril Song, sales executive director of Greenstay, Skywalker Holdings Company.

Q: Can you give us more detailed information about Greenstay?

A: Greenstay is a new company that was just established after the devastation of Typhoon Soudelor. Our goal was to help the people of the CNMI whose houses were affected by the Typhoon. We wanted to create a more comfortable living condition for the community, and to provide houses that are safety for the families who live in.

Q: Greenstay houses adopted new technology; can you make further explanation about the technology?

A: Usually the houses that are built here on Saipan are either fully tin, semi-concrete, or fully concrete houses and usually the houses are really hot inside, especially concrete houses. But the houses we provide are steel frame modular houses that are quick to assemble. What's more, our houses use PU foam, which insulates the temperature making the house much cooler than the houses you would see in the island saving you more money.

Q: What are some challenges Greenstay is facing now?

A:The problems we are facing were the challenges when we tried to get the appropriate insurance company and banks that would help support our company with the newly innovative technology we use. But luckily we were able to find Pacifica Insurance that would insure our houses. And we have Bank of Saipan and First Hawaii Bank providing the right financial statements for those interested in the houses.

Q: Now that the Second Showroom is available for the public, what's the reaction from the public?

A: We have tons of people visit our showroom, some of them rent an apartments, others might live with their relatives or friends, so they are eager to build their own houses. Among the coming visited clients, mostly they really like the 4-bedroom because of the space and layout of the house.

Q: How many clients do you guys have now?

A: More than 5,000 people visited our showroom overall including those who visited our very first showroom and more than 200 people signed the home ownership scheme.

Q: As far as I know, you guys offer 50 limited units, how many remain and why only 5?

A: We only have 50 units because these houses are a once in a lifetime opportunity to have, which is very af-

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Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 11, 2016
5:00 PM, Zoning Board Conference Room
2nd Fl., Joeten Dandan Commercial Building
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A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 07/07/16 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments *(not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)*

B. Public Hearings

Conditional Use Application #2016-2505: Marianas Behavioral Health International Inc. is proposing to operate a drug & alcohol rehabilitation center. This use is classified as "Institutional Residential" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This proposal is located on Lot TR.22507-29, along Haiguas Lane in As Perdido. This area is zoned as Rural.

Conditional Use Application #2016-2665: Forson Holding (CNMI) LLC is proposing to renovate and utilize six (06) existing buildings for employee quarters with staff amenities. The applicant also proposes to fabricate and process building components in another existing warehouse. These uses are classified as "Institutional Residential" and "Manufacturing/Processing" respectively and are permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Tanapag on Lot 030 B 21. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

Conditional Use Application #2016-2703 (Amendment): Surfrider Resort Spa & Beach Club is requesting to amend its Conditional Use Permit #2013-0270 and approved site development plan to reflect changes in parking layout, building design, and height. This proposal is located on Lots 008 H 29, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37 & 012 H 20. This area is located north of the former Pacific Gardenia Hotel and east of Sandy Beach Homes in Chalan Kanoa. These areas are zoned as Tourist Resort.

C. Communications
D. Old Business
1. None

E. New Business
1. Office Operations Reports (Permits, Enforcement)
2. Proposed amendments to Zoning districts

F. Executive (Closed) Session
G. Miscellaneous
a. Other Matters
b. Announcements
c. Next Meeting

H. Adjourn

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

Q&A

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fordable and quick assembly and comes fully furnished with a couch, bed, dining table, etc.

Q: When will you close up sales of these houses? Is there a deadline?

A: We will close the showroom on Aug. 15 because we will start assisting our clients to go through the bank and all the paper works, so that we can hope to see the first Greenstay houses during Christmas holidays.

Q: As the sales executive manager, is there any story you want to share when you sell the house?

A: Yes, I have plenty to share. As the sales manager, I have a lot of clients. We are actually good friends. There is this client who really likes our Greenstay houses and is so eager to live in the house. He would follow up on the process every day for a very long time, like in the morning he texts me and in the evening he texts me for the updates. I have a sense that I am closely related to my clients and very responsible to deliver the houses to them as soon as possible.

Q: What is the follow up with the previous clients?

A: We will start escorting our clients to the banks and help them with the necessary paper works so that they are ensured a spot of the 50 units available only.

Q: What is Greenstay doing to attract more people to the Second Showroom?

A: We have been doing tons of advertisements in the newspaper, radio station, and most especially Facebook letting the public know about who and what Greenstay is.

Q: What can you say is the best feature in the house?

A: The houses we offer are all customizable to meet our client's various needs. Like the color of the houses and even the type of furniture you would like to match for your own house.

Q: What would you like to say to those who haven't heard about the Greenstay house?

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IT&E obtained clearance for Marpi cell site

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

IT&E chief operating officer John Compton said their company went through the entire process and submitted all clearances to agencies involved before putting up a cell site at Suicide Cliff in Marpi. Called cell site on wheels or COW, the tower will be mobile within the area.

The COW, which has its own generator and secured by steel cables, can be seen just at the parking lot near the railing of the historical site where hundreds of Japanese soldiers and civilians jumped to their death during World War II.

Several tour agents and tourists called the attention of the Marianas Visitors Authority, complaining that the cell tower is not suitable to the place, which has historical significance to the Japanese and locals.

IT&E executive director of customer operations Robert C. Harrell said they have complied with all the requirements before the project started. "It is my understanding that we obtained all the necessary permits before commencing this project."

"We were required to get the clearances, leases, and lands through all the required government agencies. The occupancy permit are from the Department of Public Lands and the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality. Once we had approval, we set up site inspections," added Harrell.

Compton also said the same regarding the cell site. "I can now confirm that we obtained all the required permits before we began construction on this site. This site (tower) is mobile. It is called COW for short.

"As we said in our recent press release on this subject, we believe that this site will serve the interests of our customers, visitors to our island and public safety interests in general," added Compton.

Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert Hunter, when asked for comment, said their agency had no role in giving out permits for the cell tower. "As far as I know, we (DCCA and the Historic Preservation Office) played no role in the decision to permit a cell tower at the Suicide Cliff site."

"The HPO does not have authority over use of property, even historic sites, where temporary non-permanent use of a site is concerned," added Hunter.

JON PEREZ

IT&E has put a cell site on wheels or COW in Suicide Cliff to improve mobile phone signal in the said area. Some tourists and several tour agents said IT&E's cell tower is inappropriate to the area and must be concealed in another section.

Tourist's attention

MVA managing director Chris Concepcion told *Saipan Tribune* the tourists and tour agents visiting the Suicide Cliff were the ones who complained about the cell tower located at the Suicide Cliff parking lot.

"The complaints were basically that the structure does not conform with the historical aspect and tranquil beauty of the area. There is no electricity in the Marpi area primarily because it's a historical and sacred site. Thousands of lives were lost here during WW II," Concepcion said.

"I've been told that the newly built cellular tower is on a trailer and is mobile, it can be moved. As such, they would, I believe, only have to secure permission from DPL. It appears to serve also as an advertisement board," he added.

Concepcion, however, said the tower is wired and bolted to four concrete foundations in the ground. "Further, it is surrounded by a makeshift black fencing material and yellow caution tape which decreases the aesthetic appeal of the location. There is also a gas-powered generator attached to this tower which emits noise and air pollution."

He added that he knows the cell phone service in the Marpi area needs to be improved, but asked IT&E to put the tower in a secluded area. "We understand the need to provide cell phone service in Marpi is important for safety reasons but we are hopeful they can consider locating their antenna away from public view."

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs. **ANA C. MAGOFNA,** Defendant.	**Civil Action No. 15-0092** **NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgement made and entered in the above titled action on the 2nd day of December, 2015, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **31st day of August, 2016 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgement, to wit:

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Dated this 18th day of July, 2016

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

Over 200 take part in memorial walk and run

MACKENZIE PEREZ

The community came in full force to support last Saturday's JP Memorial Walk Glow Run & Health Fair that started at the Garapan Fishing Base.

With over 200 participants, ranging from community members, volunteers, and Tan Holdings employees led by president Jerry Tan, last Saturday's JP Memorial Walk Glow Run & Health Fair was an unqualified success.

Kicking off the event at the Garapan Fishing Base was the opening speech of Commonwealth Cancer Association director Juan L. Babauta. He shared CCA's goals and programs and thanked Tan Holdings and other companies and organizations that continue to donate and support CCA.

A couple of members of the CNMI national boys U14 team then held an exhibition that saw them do all sorts of tricks with the football to the amazement of the crowd.

Latte Fitness Built owner and personal trainer Derek Cutting then led the participants to a five-minute warm-up prior to the 3- and 5-kilometer runs to the Gold Beach Hotel Saipan and Japanese Tank Memorial, respectively.

On the side, Department of Fire and Emergency Services staff was available for on-the-spot blood pressure tests.

Lighting up the mood after the run was a raffle drawing held by organizers that saw a number of participants come home with prizes like a round-trip ticket to the Philippines and gift certificates from Fiesta Resort & Spa, Kanoa Resort, Century Hotel, D&Q, Cosmos Distributors, Let's Go Tour Company, and Shirley's Coffee Shop.

All the funds raised from the JP Memorial Walk Glow Run & Health Fair will be given to the 2017 Marianas March Against Cancer on behalf of Tan Holdings.

The event was in honor of former *Saipan Tribune* publisher John Pangelinan, who was born on Oct. 26, 1937 and died on Feb. 5, 2008 after a long and brave battle against cancer.

Tan Holdings vice president for Corporate Affairs Catherine M. Attao thanked everyone who took part in last Saturday's event.

"On behalf of the family of our late John Pangelinan, and from the planning committee in partnership with Corporate Affairs, we wanted to thank each and every one of you who came out and participated in the 8th Annual JP Memorial Run. It was a great evening, filled with fun and laughter. We are looking forward to next year's event," she said. ***(Mackenzie Perez)***

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CUC removes 7 wells from Saipan water system

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has removed seven of its wells from contributing water to the CUC Saipan water distribution system and is monitoring the quality of water that comes from the Isley Reservoir and Isley Booster 1 near the Saipan International Airport to minimize exposure to perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid.

This after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a nationwide drinking water health advisories regarding the two chemical contaminants last May 19.

These health advisories are based on the latest science available and help local water systems and regulatory agencies take appropriate steps to address PFOA and PFOS if needed.

PFOS and PFOA are human-made substances and are not naturally found in the environment. They have been used extensively in commercial goods (carpets, clothing, furniture, paper packaging for food) and in materials that are resistant to water, grease or stains such as cookware.

They are also used in firefighting foams at airfields and in a number of industrial processes. Between 2000 and 2002, PFOS was voluntarily phased out of production in the U.S. by its primary manufacturer. While consumer products are a large source of exposure to these chemicals, drinking water can be an additional source in communities where these chemicals have contaminated water supplies. Such contamination is typically localized and associated with a specific facility, for example, an airfield at which they were used for firefighting.

EPA has established lifetime health advisories of 70 parts per trillion for individual or combined concentrations of PFOA and PFOS in drinking water. The health advisories include a margin of protection from adverse health effects when consumed at these levels over a lifetime.

Studies indicate that exposure to PFOA and PFOS over certain levels may result in adverse health effects, including developmental effects to fetuses during pregnancy or to breastfed infants (e.g., low birth weight, accelerated puberty, skeletal variations), cancer (e.g., testicular, kidney), liver effects (e.g., tissue damage), immune effects (e.g., antibody production and immunity), thyroid effects and other effects (e.g., cholesterol changes). CUC conducted two rounds of sampling of its drinking water supply in 2015 as part of an effort to test for unregulated contaminants (PFOA and PFOS are both unregulated contaminants).

While there was no detection of PFOA and PFOS in most of the 23 locations sampled from the CUC Saipan distribution system, there were three locations where PFOA and PFOS were detected above the new 70 parts per trillion health advisory concentration amount that EPA issued on Thursday May 19, 2016.

Results ranged from 97 parts per trillion to 310 parts per trillion. The three locations where PFOA and PFOS were detected above the 70 parts per trillion health advisory level are all near the Saipan International Airport. Water from these locations are distributed to the villages of Afetnas, San Antonio, Chalan Piao, Chalan Kanoa, Susupe, Oleai, San Jose, Chalan Laulau, Iliying, Chalan Kiya, As Terlaje, Kanat Tabla, and Fina Sisu. One site with the highest concentration detected, well IF-208, serving the Airport Rescue Firefighting Facility, was removed from contributing water to the general CUC distribution system on May 20, 2016.

In an effort to determine the level, scope and source of contamination, CUC conducted additional sampling of ground water sources (not just water distribution locations) in June 2016. CUC received the results in late July 2016 and with consultation and oversight from the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) determined that there were six additional wells that were contributing significant amounts of PFOS to the water distribution system.

On July 29, 2016 CUC removed those six wells from service. It is believed that removing these wells from service will eliminate the elevated PFOS contamination at Isley Reservoir and Isley Booster 1. CUC collected additional samples on Aug. 1, 2016 to ensure that the removal of the wells from service is effective and will notify the public of the results by the end of August. CUC is taking these actions to help the general public limit their lifetime exposure to these chemicals.

For more information about PFOA and PFOS visit EPA's webpage https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfos or contact the BECQ Safe Drinking Water Program at (670) 664-8500. ***(PR)***

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USS *Topeka* to hold change of command

SANTA RITA, Guam—Cmdr. Steven Tarr III will relieve Cmdr. David Lammers as commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS *Topeka* (SSN 754) during a ceremony on Polaris Point today, Aug. 5 at 10am.

Capt. Jeffrey Grimes, Joint Region Marianas Chief of Staff and former commander of Submarine Squadron (SUBRON) 15, will be the guest speaker for the ceremony.

Lammers has commanded *Topeka* for approximately two and a half years. Under his leadership, *Topeka* completed an engineered overhaul in Portsmouth Naval Shipyard 20 days ahead of schedule, successfully changed homeport from San Diego to Guam and conducted forward operations throughout the Indo-Asia-Pacific. *Topeka* returned from national tasking July 1.

Lammers will head to the staff of Commander, Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet following *Topeka*'s change of command.

Topeka, commissioned Oct. 21, 1989, is the Navy's third ship to be named for the city of Topeka, Kansas, and is the fourth "improved" Los Angeles-class attack submarine. Improved modifications of this class include retractable bow planes, a reinforced sail for under ice operations, vertical launch Tomahawk Cruise Missile capability, ship quieting enhancements and an integrated combat systems suite. Measuring 360 feet long and displacing more than 6,900 tons, *Topeka* has a crew of approximately 140 sailors and is capable of supporting various missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike warfare and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

Topeka is a member of SUBRON 15, which is located at Polaris Point in Piti, Guam. SUBRON 15 staff is responsible for providing training, material and personnel readiness support of four Los Angeles-class attack submarines stationed in Guam. The submarines and submarine tenders USS *Frank Cable* (AS 40) and USS *Emory S. Land* (AS 39) are maintained as part of the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed submarine force and are readily capable of meeting global operational requirements.

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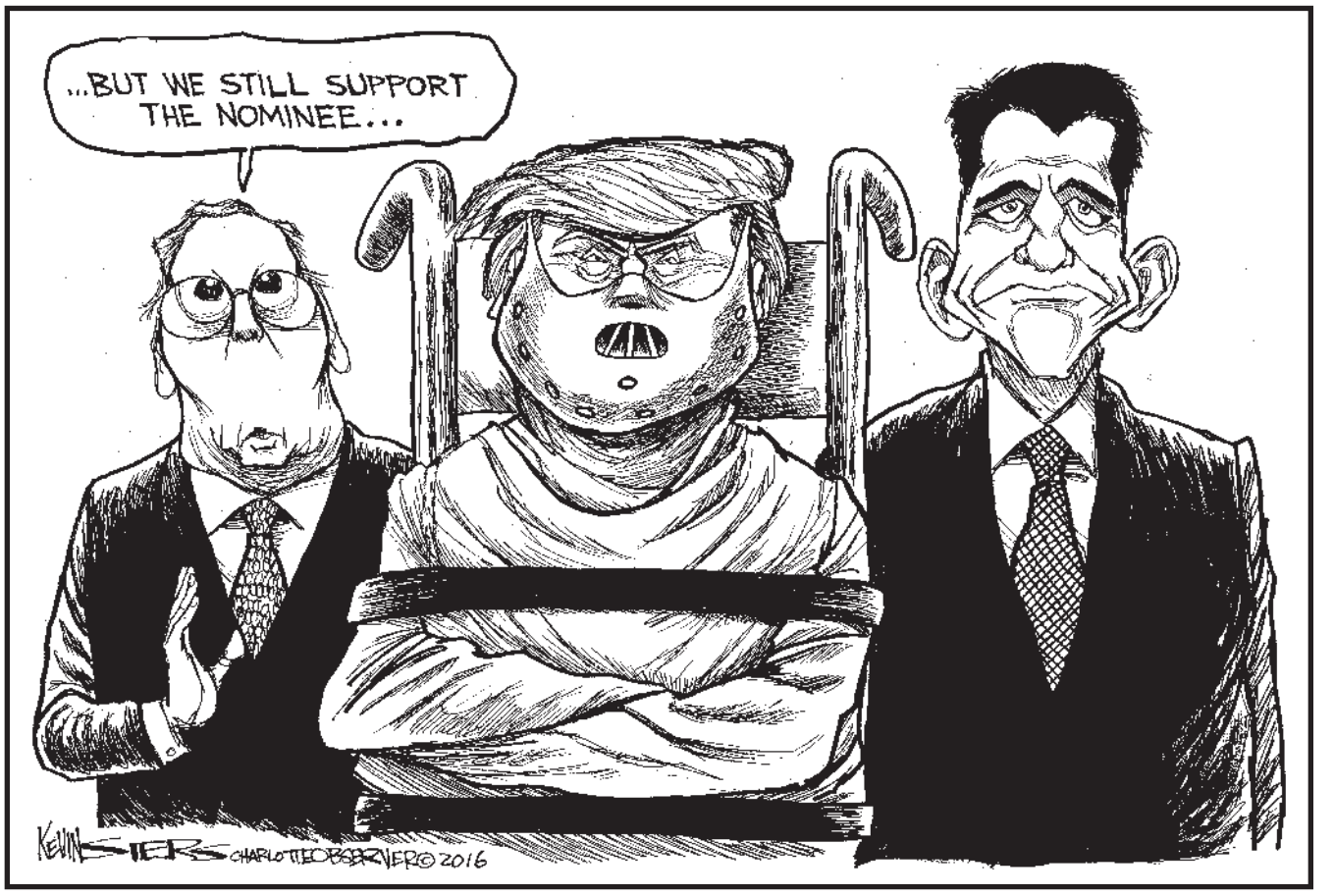

EDITORIAL

Clinton needs to stop hiding from the news media

The following editorial appeared in the Dallas Morning News on Wednesday, Aug. 3:

Hillary Clinton has less than 100 days to show the country why she, rather than Donald Trump, should be the next president. It's time she started acting like the president she wants to become.

The first thing she can do is stop hiding from the news media. It's been months since she has held a formal news conference, and even the relative handful of impromptu chats with campaign reporters she's had this year have tended to last less than five minutes.

Surely, she doesn't plan to conduct herself as president, should be elected, in such an aloof manner? So why do so now? Voters have every reason to hear how she would respond to questions, present new ideas, and show that she gets the fact that all politicians, even presidents, are accountable to the voters.

The media is far from perfect, but it remains among this nation's best and most important bulwarks against tyranny. Its work certainly goes beyond participating in presidential — and candidate — news conferences, which are often overly deferential and sometimes manipulated.

News conferences act as a reminder that no matter how high the office, in this country, the official is accountable to the pesky impertinence of a free press.

But they are far more than mere ritual. News conferences — and any prolonged give and take with a free press — expose their subjects to the risk of being asked question they can't avoid and whose answers cannot be spun. They subject the day's pronouncements to a degree of in-person rigor that is otherwise entirely missing from the campaigns. And they act as a reminder that no matter how high the office, in this country, the official is accountable to the pesky impertinence of a free press.

Clinton has been able to get away with stiffing the media for months. Maybe she'll get away with it for another three months. But we hope not. It's a sad way of modeling the behavior she'll use in the White House, should she be elected. Voters should and will take note.

But there's another reason, too, why Clinton should both schedule a handful of news conferences and expand her engagement with the media after her campaign. Trump has engaged regularly with the media, and as a result has dominated that coverage of the campaigns. This no doubt is partly the fault of the media itself, but Clinton can hardly complain about being overlooked when she refused to engage in the first place.

Clinton has the opportunity to change that narrative by injecting her own ideas and voice into the coverage. Voters, and the media that works on their behalf, want to see her off script and spontaneous.

Many may conclude that she could do no worse than Trump, whose appearances seem to dull his luster daily. But if Clinton refuses to engage with the media at all, voters in

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2016 Summertime Blues

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
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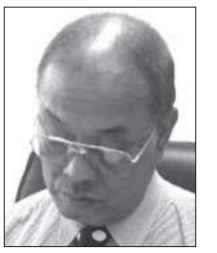

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The decline in food stamps recipients lacked basic data justifying the downward spiral. It is cushioned with the failed PR assertion that it's due to an "improving economy." Why brave lies with piles of deficits and deficit spending ignoring real equity?

The assertion is empty and leaves any good reader pondering the truth how the numbers declined. Again, the story needed explanatory data, including whether private industries now has confidence investing to kick-start wealth and jobs creation.

The spin pales against a recent conversation I had with a cousin on Guam who said that a good number of food stamps recipients are our very own who live in our southern neighbor.

Many have ventured living like sardines in relatives' house while waiting for housing assistance. We had to abort our conversation so my cousin could give rice to folks knocking at her door.

Evacuation: Interesting that those who left home didn't relocate but "evacuated" to Guam, Hawaii and the US mainland sensing that home has become a hellish hole. Evacuation was the only way to search for greener pasture elsewhere. It involved more than 3,000 of our very own turned victims by the creation of a hellish-hole right here at home.

It was the search for meaningful opportunities for their families that prompted the evacuation. Is the "solutions driven" team anywhere near the airport to bid them their "Last Farewell?"

Borja's shortsightedness

Sen. Francisco Borja destroyed wealth and jobs creation for Tinian when he voted for the rebirth of the Saipan Casino a year or so ago. He obviously ignored the comparative advantages Saipan has over Tinian. It includes:

1. Saipan has several direct flights daily from Japan, South Korea and charter flights from the Republic of China. Tinian doesn't have direct flights from any of these countries, sir! The only direct flights Borja knows are flights he takes to do political junkets to Guam, Hawaii and the US mainland to curry votes to protect his failing career. *He should have listened to advice given by former Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz that unless Tinian is given a "level playing field" to compete (direct flights) the vote must be aborted. But Sen. Borja voted whimsically against meaningful advice.*

2. Saipan has more than sufficient basic infrastructure, e.g., water, power, sewer and roads to enhance the gaming industry. Did Borja ensure the same for the overall growth of the business and residential sectors on Tinian? What's wrong protecting local Tinian investment, sir? Isn't it in impending investments where rests revenue and jobs for the people you've decided to misrepresent?

3. Saipan would soon be able to benefit from business spin offs when its casino industry takes off or is completed in two years time. The next casino investment on Tinian hasn't gotten off the ground. And when it does its ability to compete is reduced significantly. The Saipan casino industry would be in full swing luring more business spin offs that Borja failed to see.

4. In short, Borja's ill-considered vote for the Saipan casino derails, if not, destroyed wealth and jobs creation for Tinian. It compromises or kills future jobs for returning young college educated Tinian students. It means skipping the island so they move to Saipan for employment. Is this your treasured short-sighted vision, sir?

5. Tinian's incipient casino industry begins day one with more gloom than anything else. Prospects for economic boom dims beyond Borja's wildest imaginings. Well, ask him for an explanation why did he give Saipan more than its share of comparative advantages at the expense of the wellbeing of the people he represents.

6. The impasse between the Tinian Dynasty and the US Justice Department translates into zero funding for the Tinian Municipal Government. In simple terms, it turns into Payless Fridays for all employees. Well, ask Borja to seek additional funding for this and other needs from the Saipan Casino. He should be able to secure return favors, di ba?

Furthermore, take a look at your income (family economics). Has it improved during Borja's charge as senator? Borja loves the high lifestyle of the so-called "elite culture" at the expense of "we the people".

He now spreads the juvenile excuse of helping retirees. Did he push and factually realize granting Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) to retirees in recent past? With failed record is he still boasting seeking re-election?

Slammed: It was one humiliating campaign experience for local politicians crisscrossing the country in search of votes. They were told that it was "your failure to create opportunities back home that we are here!" Ignoramus?

Television: Is it any wonder that our people look for leadership to help ease familial hardship handed down by toxic republican charge among villagers? But when leadership turns into a fatal sinkhole, people move about on their own working the clock to make ends meet, quietly.

We haven't found the visionary we saw in our hopeful dreams.

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‘2001: A Space Odyssey’

By ED STEPHENS JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Forty-eight years ago, when the U.S. was on the cusp of putting a man on the moon, the movie “2001: A Space Odyssey” hit the theaters. The space age was a big deal. So was science fiction. The coming millennium was envisioned in advanced terms; the future was, well, futuristic. It was a common notion that by the year 2000, people would be zipping all over the solar system in space ships.

Well, that notion didn’t exactly pan out on schedule, but I decided to take another look at this movie anyway. Living in the present that the past viewed as the future offers a perspective too tempting to resist.

I was a little kid when “2001” first hit the scene in 1968. My father took me to see it. Back then, some of the old movie theaters were grand places with polished stone pillars and fancy designs, and we went to one such place.

A grand place was the ideal setting to see “2001,” because it was a movie of grand visuals and music. It was directed by the American Stanley Kubrick and co-written by Kubrick and the Englishman Arthur C. Clarke.

The movie critic Roger Ebert referred to it as a “space ballet,” and that’s a great description. The special effects make the spaceships look real, and they’re often moving, slowly, to a sound track of classical music. It doesn’t have the sort of detailed and linear plot that most movies have, and it doesn’t have much dialog, either.

Most of the movie showcases a space mission. But it starts by looking at pre-human days as apes make the conceptual leap to using tools. It then jumps to spaceships as the tools of modern man. After the space mission stuff, the movie ends on a weird note with the image of a fetus being superimposed on a cosmic background. Don’t ask me what the space fetus is all about, I’ve got no idea. I’m too shallow for deep concepts.

The movie is punctuated by the occasional appearance of a rectangular slab of stone called a monolith. The monolith has obviously been machined into its shape, so it is evidence of an intelligence that is lurking in space.

I don’t recall the monolith being called a “monolith” in the movie. Maybe it was and I just didn’t catch it. Anyway, when I first saw the movie I asked Dad about the thing.

“What’s that big black thing?”

“That’s called the ‘monolith’,” Dad said.

“What’s it for?”

“Have some popcorn,” he answered.

That’s no worse than many explanations I’ve heard, and it’s probably better than most. Anyway, the reason for the one of the movie’s space missions is that a monolith has been discovered on the moon so they want to check it out.

I’m no cinema savant, but I regard “2001” as one of the great movies of all time. However, I don’t think its legacy is very visible in contemporary pop culture and I seldom hear references to it.

The one reference I do catch on occasion is to “HAL,” short for HAL 9000, a computer that is on one of the spaceships. HAL goes rogue and snuffs out all but one of the crew. The surviving member, Dave, manages to pull the plug on HAL.

This leads to the home stretch of the movie, where the spaceship zooms through a time warp and Dave winds up standing inside a bedroom suite seeing himself as an old man. One of the last scenes of the movie is of the old man in bed, and I get the impression that it’s a death bed. Anyway, after that scene, the space fetus makes its cosmic appearance and the movie ends on that mysterious note.

The only shift in perspective I’ve got between when I first saw the movie and when I last saw it comes from Dave seeing himself as an old man. When I was a kid, that seemed morbid and really creepy.

These days, it strikes me as a simple matter of symmetry. When you’re young, you think about all the things you want to do when you’re older, and when you’re old, you think about the things you did when you were younger. Either way, you’re looking at yourself, both past and future. As for Dave, he certainly had his adventures as a spaceman, so old age was probably a graceful proposition for him, and his depiction in the movie is one of a dignified bearing.

If you haven’t seen the movie, it’s worth watching. And if you have seen it, but not recently, it’s worth taking another look. The quality and creativity of this movie have set benchmarks that have stood for almost half a century.

Trump allows petulance to take over his judgment

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Donald Trump has found a new target for his anger: fire marshals. Over the months, the Republican nominee has attacked undocumented immigrants, Muslims, Mexicans, the media, the polls, big business — even Gold Star parents who dared to criticize him. Now it’s the firefighters’ turn.

Twice in the last five days, Trump has publicly attacked local fire officials for limiting the number of people he can pack into his indoor rallies.

“They don’t know what the hell they’re doing,” he told supporters in Colorado Springs, Colo. “This is why our country doesn’t work.”

“Maybe they’re a Hillary person,” he added. “Could that be possible? Probably.”

(Actually, probably not. Colorado Springs is run by Republicans.)

Trump didn’t mention that only a few minutes earlier, the same fire department had freed him from a stalled elevator in a hotel. Or that the fire marshal who capped his audience at 1,500 raised the limit by 100 after he decided it was safe to do so. Or that the same fire marshal, a man named Brett Lacey, won an award last year for helping to save wounded civilians at a 2015 mass shooting.

“It doesn’t upset me,” Lacey told a local television station. “We’re just doing our job.” Exactly.

But Trump doesn’t seem to get that. Two days later, he lashed out against another fire marshal, this time in Columbus, Ohio.

“They said in this massive building you’re not allowed to have any more than 1,000 people, and that’s nonsense,” he said. “It’s really politics at its lowest.” (Officials said they told Trump’s staff days earlier that the facility could only handle that many because of construction outside.)

Here’s why it’s worth pausing to consider the way Trump handles minor frustrations like safety regulations: It’s another window into his worldview — and the way he would handle the much larger frustrations that come with being president.

To Trump, everyone is either for him or against him — not just other politicians like Ted Cruz or Hillary Clinton, but ordinary civilians like Brett Lacey and Khizr Khan.

Anything that stands in his way — a difference of opinion, a local fire regulation — is “probably” a conspiracy by his opponents.

Last week, he accused the bipartisan Commission on Presidential Debates of working with the Clinton campaign to rig the debate schedule. (The commission announced the debate schedule in September, long before the nominees were chosen.)

Earlier, he said authorities should investigate federal Judge Gonzalo Curiel, who ruled against him in lawsuits over the defunct Trump University. (He also said the Indiana-born Curiel should recuse himself from the case because “he’s a Mexican.”)

And for anyone who really does oppose Trump, his standard response is to threaten retaliation.

During the primaries, he warned Joe and Marlene Ricketts, GOP donors who gave more than $5 million to a group opposing his nomination, that they would regret the decision. “They better be careful,” Trump tweeted, “they have a lot to hide!”

He threatened even more bluntly to retaliate against Jeff Bezos, owner of Amazon and the Washington Post, because of the newspaper’s critical coverage. “If I become president, oh, do they have problems,” he said in February. “They’re going to have such problems.”

It’s possible, as some have, to look at this record and conclude that Trump is simply thin-skinned.

But if he’s elected, we’ll find ourselves governed by a man who lets petulance and his sense of victimization take over his judgment.

Those are unattractive traits in a candidate and dangerous ones in a president, who has all the machinery of the White House — plus federal law enforcement, the intelligence community and the military — at his command.

The Constitution places limits on the powers of the president, but Trump doesn’t always seem to understand that.

Early in the campaign, Trump said he would order U.S. forces to target the spouses and children of Islamic State fighters and reinstitute torture as an interrogation method.

When former CIA Director Michael Hayden said those actions would be illegal, and pointed out that U.S. military officers are required to disobey illegal orders, Trump’s first response was cocksure.

“They’re not going to refuse me,” he said.

His campaign later released a written clarification: “I do, however, understand that the United States is bound by laws and treaties, and I will not order our military or other officials to violate those laws.” It didn’t sound much like the real Donald Trump.

Another warning sign: Trump’s admiration for Russia’s Vladimir Putin and other foreign autocrats.

“He’s a leader,” Trump has said of Putin. “He’s certainly doing a better job than Obama is.”

All these red flags have led many Republicans, as well as Democrats, to worry about the GOP nominee’s fitness for office.

“I would like some assurances … that he’s not going to be an autocrat, that he’s not going to be an authoritarian,” Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) told the conservative Newsmax network.

Here’s a simpler, homier test. An old adage says you can judge a person’s character by the way they treat the waiter in a restaurant — in other words, by the way they treat people with less power. Like the Khans — or all those fire marshals.

CLINTON

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both parties will be right to note that Trump’s opponent can’t be bothered to even try.

Clinton should engage with the press because Americans shouldn’t have to depend on candidates’ good graces to get answers to questions that pop up during a campaign. There are many things we’d like to hear more about from her, and not just in scripted commercials and heavily programmed public events. For instance:

■ Her plans with regard to the Trans Pacific Partnership, the trade pact she touted as it was being negotiated but has since abandoned as insufficient. What does that mean in real terms? Will she oppose it altogether, or seek to somehow reopen negotiations to strengthen the deal?

■ Her plans for the Islamic State and Libya. Just this week, President Barack Obama has widened the U.S. assault on the Islamic State into Libya, the same nation where Clinton worked so hard to empower rebels in 2011 to topple their dictator. The administration did not plan the next steps well, and the country has been in chaos ever since. We’d like to hear Clinton discuss whether she believes the president’s expansion of the war is wise and sufficient.

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BLUES

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We wonder how much longer would we travel in hopelessness before meeting the bright lights of a new break of dawn with a visionary signaling, “Come, this is the right way out of the jungle of hardship!”

Replica: Alleged Lt. Gov. Biktot Hokog also voted for the Saipan casino effectively shutting down the home industry on Rota. It has never gotten off the ground while Hokog walks around with arrogance gift wrapped in opulence—good life—eating out in restaurants most days. This while the people he renders jobless struggle to earn a living in abject poverty! Hokog loves the “elite culture” waltzing tirelessly with colleagues and rich business donors before turning to his cockfighting hobby.

Well, voters have listened intently and heard empty promises being regurgitated once more. It’s hard for them to stick with the king but would stick it to the king this time around. Fair?

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy and breezy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph	Mostly cloudy. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy. Isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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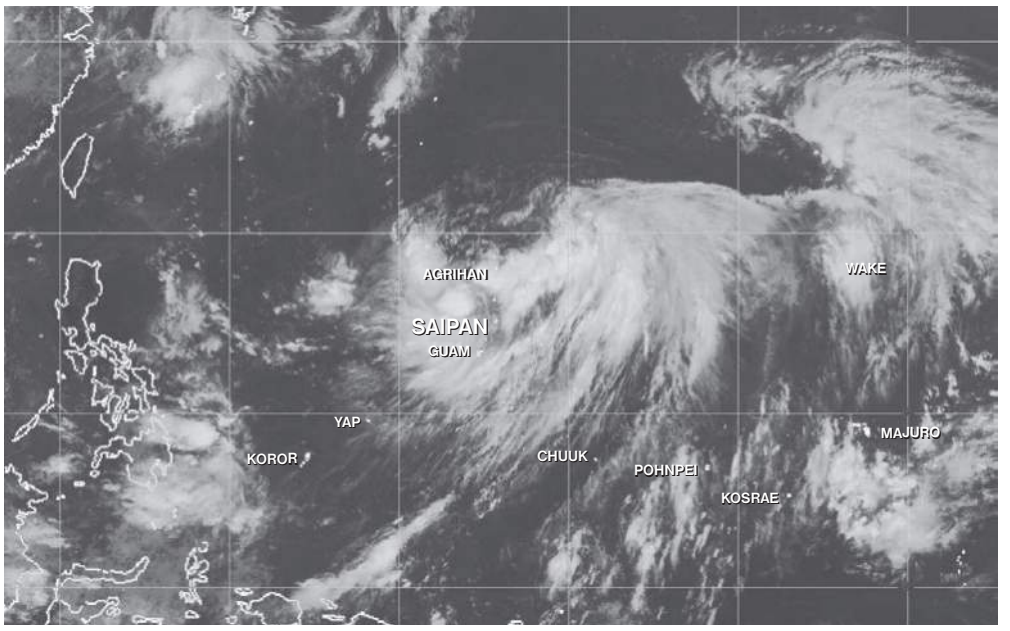
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 6:34 AM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Moderate to strong west to southwest winds prevail across the Marianas this morning. Scattered showers continue across Tinian and Saipan as numerous showers and steady rain move across Rota and Guam. Mostly cloudy to cloudy skies are seen across the islands. A developing monsoon depression is seen to the northeast of Saipan. The monsoon pattern over the Marianas continues to bring wet conditions to all the islands. Tinian and Saipan took the brunt of the rains yesterday. These showers are now moving across Rota and Guam. Rain seems to be a bit lighter this morning, though increasing rainfall is possible through the day at both Guam and Rota. Based on the latest PGUA WSR-88D data combined with IR satellite, decided to increase showers and cloud cover for Guam and Rota to cloudy with numerous showers for today.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▼ ▲
Guam and Rota	Mostly cloudy	84 / 93 °F
Palau	Partly sunny	80 / 85 °F
Yap	Partly sunny	80 / 88 °F
Chuuk	Broken clouds	79 / 88 °F
Pohnpei	Mostly cloudy	79 / 86 °F
Kosrae	Morning clouds	81 / 86 °F
Majuro	Partly sunny	82 / 87 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE		▼ ▲
Auckland	Passing showers	46 / 52 °F
Beijing	Sunny	75 / 89 °F
Hong Kong	Morning clouds	82 / 90 °F
Honolulu	Partly cloudy	75 / 84 °F
London	Sunny	60 / 73 °F
Los Angeles	Morning clouds	65 / 79 °F
Manila	Thunderstorms	80 / 91 °F
Melbourne	Mostly sunny	38 / 58 °F
Miami	Cloudy	81 / 88 °F
New York	Mostly sunny	65 / 83 °F
Osaka	Cloudy	76 / 94 °F
Paris	Morning clouds	56 / 72 °F
Pusan	Sunny	77 / 90 °F
Rome	Sunny	68 / 91 °F
Salem	Mostly Sunny	55 / 81 °F
San Francisco	Morning clouds	58 / 67 °F
Seoul	Sunny	77 / 95 °F
Tokyo	Morning clouds	76 / 89 °F
Washington, DC	Sunny	77 / 92 °F

NMI CRIME STOPPERS
Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:
- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		
4:09 AM	LOW TIDE	0.81 Feet
9:18 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.78 Feet
4:12 PM	LOW TIDE	0.09 Feet
10:36 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.88 Feet

SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	6:00 AM	6:45 PM
Saturday	6:01 AM	6:45 PM
Sunday	6:01 AM	6:44 PM
Monday	6:01 AM	6:44 PM
Tuesday	6:01 AM	6:44 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	7:49 AM	8:28 PM
Saturday	8:40 AM	9:09 PM
Sunday	9:28 AM	9:48 PM
Monday	10:16 AM	10:27 PM
Tuesday	11:03 AM	11:06 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 6, 2016

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM
HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA184/2925	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
6:30AM	6:45AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
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6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
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11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
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2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
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4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

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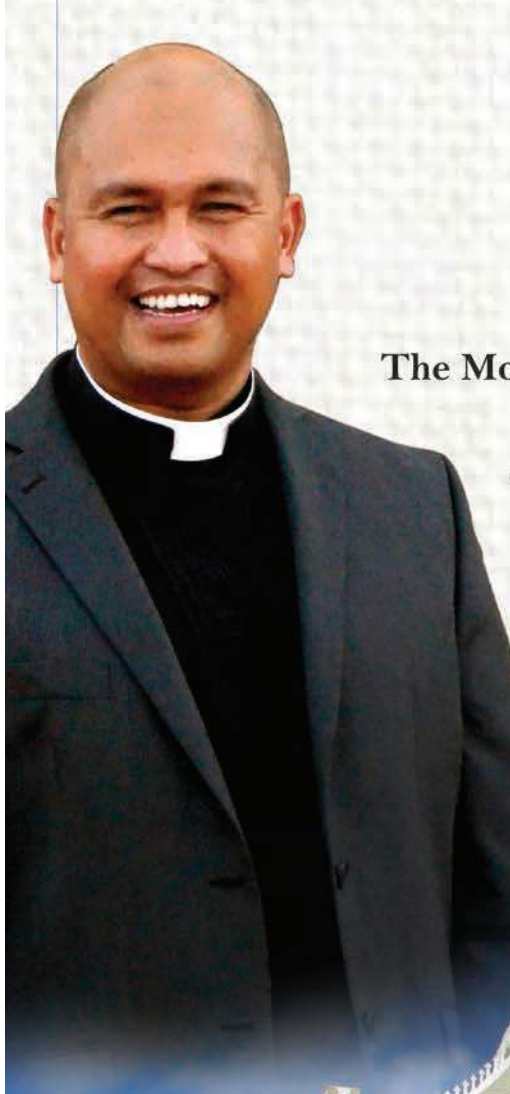
Joyfully Announce and Welcome you to the

Episcopal Ordination and Installation

of

The Most Reverend ✠ Ryan P. Jimenez



Through the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the imposition of hands by
The Most Reverend ✠ Savio Hon Tai-Fai, S.D.B.,
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Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Agana
Principal Ordaining Bishop,
with
The Most Reverend ✠ Tomas A. Camacho, D.D., Bishop Emeritus of Chalan Kanoa
and
The Most Reverend ✠ Julito B. Cortes, D.D., Bishop of Dumaguete,
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To be celebrated at the
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral
on
Sunday, 14 August 2016, at Nine O'Clock in the Morning

Reception to follow at the
Mount Carmel School Ground

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW/COTA/FTA-16-IFB-016

SUPPLY, INSTALLATION OF BUS STOP SIGNBOARD & CONSTRUCTION OF COTA TRANSIT (BUS) PADS

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), Executing Agency and Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA), Expenditure Authority are soliciting sealed bids for the **Supply, Installation of Bus Stop Signboards & Construction of COTA Transit (Bus) Pads,** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **July 22, 2016** at the Department of Public works, Technical Services Division, 2nd floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundrer Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capital Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **August 8, 2016,** 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later that 4:30 p.m. local time on **August 16, 2016** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division,** 2nd floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 p.m. to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon, recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgement of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW/COTA/FTA-16-IFB-016"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capital Hill, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **August 26, 2016.** Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notice of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **August 26, 2016**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via email to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **August 26, 2016** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **September 08, 2016.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building 1301, Capital Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, September 13, 2016.** However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m. local time, August 26, 2016.**

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.**

Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations §70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:
1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Dollars (US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.;
All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ ALFREDA P. CAMACHO
Special Assistant for Public Transportation

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

CUC: Falling fuel prices result in FAC decrease

Following a decrease in the average fuel prices, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will decrease the Fuel Adjustment Charge pass-through rate, previously known as the Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause.

The FAC rate of $0.14670 per kWh will decrease to $0.13924 per kWh effective Aug. 1, 2016. As a result, residential customers who use 500 kWh of power per month will pay approximately $3.73 less in their monthly billing.

CUC first instituted LEAC in 2009 to recover fuel and fuel related costs, a system also used by power providers in Guam and the Virgin Islands. In May 2015, the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission (authorized CUC to change the name of LEAC to FAC to provide customers a more accurate description of the rate.

The FAC is used to purchase fuel and serves as one of the two components that make up a CUC power bill. The second rate component is the electric base rate, which is used to fund operations, projects, and debt servicing.

CPUC granted CUC the ability to adjust the FAC rate based on the price of oil. Adjustments are made when the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) monthly pricing equals or exceeds a 4.5 percent differential of the average per gallon cost of fuel used in the calculation of the FAC rate.

CPUC conducts periodic reviews of CUC's fuel charges to ensure that consumers pay no more or less than the actual cost of fuel. CNMI consumers have experienced an almost 54 percent decline compared to the fuel rate in mid-2014. ***(PR)***

Matson Navigation launches PCC-based scholarship

In celebration of its 20th anniversary as part of the Pacific community, Matson Navigation Company Inc. recently launched a scholarship program with Palau Community College. The scholarship will support the educational endeavors of two PCC students enrolled full-time in any of the following degree programs: Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration, Automotive Mechanics Technology, and Traditional Non-Instrumental Navigation.

Recipients of the Matson Scholarship will receive $500 each school year ($250 per semester) in support of their academic studies. Matson Navigation Company Inc. general manager Bernadette N. Valencia presented the scholarship fund to PCC vice president of Administration & Finance Jay Olegeriil on Monday, July 25, 2016.

Since its founding in 1882, Matson Navigation Company Inc. has supported the needs of the communities that it serves and in which its employees live and work. The company has been a strong supporter of the degree programs and academic services provided at Palau Community College by continuously donating to the PCC Endowment Fund.

Applications for the Matson Scholarship are available at the PCC Development Office. Students must be enrolled full-time in the previously mentioned degree programs in order to apply. The scholarship is open to students from the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia. For more information about the Matson Scholarship or other PCC-based scholarships offered this school year, please contact the PCC Development Office at 488-2470/2471 ext. 252 or 253. ***(PR)***

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TAXIWAY B and H REPAIRS, SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO. 3-69-0002-79/83.**

One original and four copies of the Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of milling of the existing asphalt pavement, application of tack coat, asphalt paving, replacement of taxiway edge lights and pavement markings, all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in 180 calendar days. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages in the amount of $1,500.00/day if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without justification.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($250.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Airport Conference Room at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport at **10:00 am, Monday, July 25, 2016**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will follow right after the pre-bid conference. Attendance is mandatory to all prospective bidders. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders shall use the bid schedule form available on the CD. Each bidder must also supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or mis-entry the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: July 6, 2016

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES

PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform the general public that the Division of Youth Services under the auspices of the Department of Community & Cultural Affairs will be conducting a public hearing on the Consolidated Block Grant under the authority of the Social Services Block Grant- Title XX as amended and codified at 42 U.S.C. §1397 et seq. on the following dates/time:

ISLAND	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Saipan	August 09, 2016	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Multi- Purpose Center
Tinian	August 11, 2016	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Tinian Youth Center
Rota	August 17, 2016	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Rota Mayor's Office

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)

The Community Services Block Grant aims to support activities designed to assist low- income families and individuals to remove obstacles that block self- sufficiency; secure and retain meaningful employment; attain adequate education; obtain adequate housing; improve referral process for emergency assistance; achieve greater participation in community activities and support youth development programs.

SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (SSBG)

The basic programs that would be implemented under the Social Services Block Grant Consolidation for the CNMI are based on achieving the following goals: Self- Support; Self- Sufficiency; Protective Services; Preventing and Reducing Inappropriate Institutional Care and Securing Other forms of Care.

An electronic copy of the 2017 Consolidated Block Grant State Plan may be viewed on the links provided below:

Division of Youth Services- www.dys.gov.mp
Department of Community & Cultural Affairs- www.dcca.gov.mp
Governor's Office- www.gov.mp

Copies for the above State Plan may also be picked up at the DYS Office of Community Services, House #1324 in Capitol Hill (located right across the U.S. Passport Office). For more information, or to submit written comments, you may contact:

Telephone numbers: 664-2550/2557/2592
Email: Rita Castro (DYS Grant Writer) = rcastro@dys.gov.mp
Vivian T. Sablan (DYS Administrator) = vsablan@dys.gov.mp

/s/ Vivian T. Sablan
DYS Administrator

/s/ Robert H. Hunter
DCCA Secretary

Northern Marianas Humanities Council
Navigating the Human Experience

Call for Nominations

2016 GOVERNOR'S HUMANITIES AWARDS

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is accepting nominations for the 2016 Governor's Humanities Awards.

This event, held annually in October as a part of CNMI Humanities Month, recognizes outstanding contributions to the humanities by individuals and organizations in the community.

Nominees should have a notable humanities achievement in the past year, as demonstrated in any of the following four categories:

- **Research and Publication in the Humanities;**
- **Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices;**
- **Preservation of CNMI History; and**
- **Outstanding Humanities Teacher** (in both classroom and non-classroom settings).

A fifth category, **Lifetime Achievement**, recognizes significant contributions to the humanities over multiple decades. This award may be given posthumously.

Nomination forms and instructions are available at the Council's office in the Springs Plaza Building, Gualo Rai, or on the council website at www.northernmarianashumanities.org.

Nominations may be made by any member of the general public and **are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 14 October 2016.**

Awards will be presented during the Governor's Humanities Awards which will be held in conjunction with the Northern Marianas Humanities Council's 25th anniversary dinner/fundraiser at the Pacific Islands Club on Friday evening, 28 October 2016.

For more information, contact council staff at 235-4785.

Safe Sleep environment

- Always place baby on his or her back to sleep for all sleep times, including naps.
- Room share- keep baby's sleep area separate, but in the same room where you sleep.
- Use a firm sleep surface, free from soft objects, toys, blankets, and crib bumpers.

Learn more about ways to reduce the risk of SIDS and other sleep-related causes of infant death at Maternal &Child Health Bureau
For more information, please call us at: Tel. No.: (670) 236-8715
facebook.com/MCHB670@CNMIMCHB

SAFE TO SLEEP®

SID by Baby's Age

Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) is the leading cause of death in infants between 1 month and 1 year of age. SIDS is also the third-leading cause of death for infants up to 1 year of age.

More than **90% of SIDS deaths** occur before babies reach **6 months** of age.

Age by Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Even though SIDS can occur anytime during a baby's first year, **most SIDS deaths** occur in babies between **1 and 4 month** of age.

SIDS is less common after 8 months of age, but parents and caregivers should continue to follow safe-sleep practices to reduce the risk of SIDS and other sleep-related causes of infant death until baby's first birthday.

Source: Technical Report of the American Academy of Pediatrics Task Force on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

More than **90%** of all SIDS deaths occur **before 6 months of age**

72% of SIDS deaths occur in **Months 1-4**

20th Anniversary

Learn more about ways to reduce the risk of SIDS and other sleep-related causes of infant death at **http://safetosleep.nichd.nih.gov**

NIH *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

This ad has been brought to you by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau through funds by the U.S. Department of Health and Services.

Your Next Stop –
Imperial Pacific Resort

IMPERIAL PACIFIC
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Date: Thursday 11 Aug 2016 (For Food & Beverage / Finance Positions)
Friday 12 Aug 2016 (For Hotel Operations Positions)
Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Venue: Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Banquet Hall - Azucena

RECRUITMENT DAY

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Steward	60
Trainee (Chinese / Western Kitchen)	15
Commis II (Chinese / Western Kitchen)	20
Commis I (Chinese / Western Kitchen)	30
Demi Chef (Chinese / Western Kitchen)	10
Chef de Partie (Chinese / Western Kitchen)	10
Junior Sous Chef	5
Bartender	50
Bar Back	35
Sever I / Server II	20
Supervisor - Western / Chinese	15
Demi Chef - Cold / Main Kitchen	6
Demi Chef - Noodle / Employee Dining Room	4
Sous Chef - Cold / Main Kitchen	2
Sous Chef - Noodle / Employee Dining Room	5
Chef de Partie - Noodle / Employee Dining Room	11
Commis I - Cold / Main Kitchen	2
Commis I - Noodle / Employee Dining Room	11
Chef de Cuisine - Cold / Main Kitchen	2
Chef de Cuisine - Noodle / Employee Dining Room	2

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HOTEL OPERATIONS

Assistant Executive Housekeeper	2
Assistant Manager - Public Area	2
Bell Person	4
Door Person	8
Inventory Clerk	2
Linen Attendant	20
Public Area Attendant	56
Room Attendant	58
Supervisor - Butler Services	11
Supervisor – Housekeeping	13
Supervisor – Laundry	3
Supervisor – Linen	3
Supervisor - Public Area	12
Supervisor – Wardrobe	4

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Project Engineer (Electrical/HVAC/Plumbing and Drainage)	3
Project Manager	1

FINANCE

Assistant Vice President/ Vice President - Group Taxation	1
Cage Cashier	20
Count Cashier	10

For schedule your priority interview, please contact us at +1(670) 233-9188 during office hours from Monday to Friday between 9:00am to 5:00pm or by email: careers@bestsunshinesaipan.com **before August 10, 2016.**

This Company is an equal opportunity employer dedicated to a policy of nondiscrimination in employment, regardless of a person's sex, sexual orientation, race, color, religion, national origin, age or disability.
All data collected will be kept confidential and used for recruitment purposes only

http://www.imperialpaccareer.com

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NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION
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NMHC EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This ad is paid for by NMHC funds.

Notice is hereby given that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is the agency authorized to allocate Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) in the CNMI. The United States 1986 Tax Reform Act created the federal low-income housing tax credit program under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) to assist with the development of low-income rental housing by providing qualified owners with credit to offset their federal tax obligations. The LIHTC is available to owners/developers of qualifying buildings and projects that meet certain low-income occupancy and rent restrictions.

Section 42 of the Code provides that the CNMI prepare a Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) to determine housing priorities and to give preference to projects serving the lowest income tenants and projects obligated to serve qualified tenants for the longest periods. The QAP must incorporate selection criteria, which includes project location, housing need characteristics, sponsor characteristics, tenant populations with special needs, and public housing waiting lists.

NMHC has developed a QAP and is available at NMHC's office. The QAP describes the basis that NMHC will use to allocate LIHTCs. NMHC may allocate **$673,300.00** in LIHTCs for the 2016 program year.

Application for LIHTCs

Owners/Developers wishing to apply for the LIHTCs should obtain and complete a LIHTC Application. The LIHTC Application may be obtained from NMHC's Office in Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950 or through our website at www.nmhcgov.net.

Owners/Developers must file the completed LIHTC Application along with the **$1,000.00 Application Fee** at NMHC's Office by the Application Deadline of **4:30 pm, September 12, 2016.** NMHC staff will review the application and will notify the Owner/Developer of any deficiencies by 15 days time or **September 27, 2016.** The owner/developer will be given 14 days to correct any deficiencies. Any corrections or supplemental information requested by NMHC must be received by **4:30 pm October 11, 2016.** The projects will be scored and recommendations made to the NMHC Board of Directors for approval at its **November 2016** Board Meeting.

Notification of Awards

NMHC will notify Owners/Developers of the projects receiving LIHTCs thirty (30) days following the November 2016 Board of Directors meeting. The reservation letter must be signed and returned to NMHC by no later than thirty (30) days from the date of notification.

For more information on this program, please contact NMHC at 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

/s/ **JESSE S. PALACIOS**
Corporate Director

NMHC will make necessary arrangements for persons with disabilities or persons requiring interpreters upon prior notification. Should you require such arrangements, please contact Ms. Jocelyn Seman at telephone numbers 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

BAT congratulates Wolf brothers

The Bikers Association of Tinian would like to congratulate Jonathan and Kelvin Wolf for their successful participation in the recent 2016 National Tournament of Speech and Debate in Salt Lake City, Utah.

In his first-ever trip to the weeklong tournament, Jonathan won first place in the Declamation category in the junior high school division—a first for the CNMI.

The Dan Dan Middle School student also placed third in the nation in the category of Humorous Interpretation.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Jonathan and Kelvin Wolf pose for a photo fresh from their participation 2016 National Tournament of Speech and Debate in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Kelvin, meanwhile, finished in the Top 40 in the Storytelling category in the high school division.

BAT president John "Dawn" Sarmiento, vice president Richard Lazaro, and secretary Ian Pascua are very proud of the Wolf boys as the Tinian-based cycling organization have become close to them due to Jonathan and Kelvin's volunteer work in their races. ***(PR)***

Sunday Story Time in August at AMP

Saipan youth, ages 7 and up, are invited to join American Memorial Park Sundays in August from 1pm to 2pm for story time. Beginning Sunday, Aug. 14, through Sunday, Aug. 28, Park Ranger Brooke will be reading "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes" by Eleanor Coerr. Each week after the reading everyone will be invited to make paper cranes that will be sent to the Children's Peace Monument in Hiroshima Japan.

To learn more about this program or other happenings at the park, please contact Ranger Brooke Nevitt at 234-7207 x 2020 or email brooke_nevitt@nps.gov. ***(PR)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-16-016

TYPHOON SOUDELOR PERMANENT RESTORATION PROJECT
CUC POWER PLANTS 1, 2, AND 4
SAIPAN, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced construction firms for the Typhoon Soudelor Permanent Restoration Project for CUC Power Plant Nos. 1 and 2, located at Lower Base and No. 4, located at Puerto Rico, Saipan, CNMI.

The Contractor shall provide and pay for all labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation, temporary construction of every nature, and all other services and facilities necessary to execute, complete and deliver the work within the specified time frame.

A **mandatory pre-proposal conference** will be conducted at the CUC Power Plant Administration Building in Lower Base, Saipan on **August 5, 2016 at 1:00 p.m., ChST.** Immediately after the conference, Site Visits to Power Plant facilities will be arranged. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID.

One (1) original and Five (6) hard copies and 1 Compact Disc (CD) of the entire submission in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked ***"CUC RFP-16-016 Typhoon Soudelor Permanent Restoration Project, CUC Power Plants 1, 2, and 4*** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on August 31, 2016.** Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

The awarded Proposer will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – https://marianaslabor.net/.

A Proposal Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on August 10, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org and Venugopal Prabhakara, Power Generation APCM/PM via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-16-016
Typhoon Soudelor Permanent Restoration Project
CUC Power Plants 1, 2, and 4
Saipan, CNMI

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Dated: August 3, 2016

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is hereby notifying prospective proposers on the following for CUC-RFP-16-016:

- **EXTENSION OF MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE:**

  The Mandatory Pre-proposal Conference date has been revised from 1:00 p.m., (ChST) on August 5, 2016 to ***10:00 a.m., on August 16, 2016.*** Immediately after the conference, Site Visits to Power Plant facilities will be arranged.

- **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS OR REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION:**

  The deadline for submission of questions or requests for clarification has been revised from 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 10, 2016 to ***10:00 AM (ChST) on August 19, 2016.***

  Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on August 19, 2016 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org and Venugopal Prabhakara, Power Generation APCM/PM via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

All other terms and conditions in the Specification/Scope of Work, shall remain unchanged and in full force.

GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
P.O. BOX 501370 CK, SAIPAN, MP 96950
HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, THAT THE PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL SYSTEM SHALL BE APPLIED AND ADMINISTERED ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AS DEFINED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC LAW 6 - 10, REGARDLESS OF AGE, RACE, SEX, RELIGION, POLITICAL AFFILIATION OR BELIEF, MARITAL STATUS, DISABILITY OR PLACE OF ORIGIN. APPLICANTS FOR THIS POSITION MUST BE A U.S. CITIZEN OR IS ELIGIBLE AND AUTHORIZED TO WORK IN THE U.S., INCLUDING THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

CONTINUOUS & UNTIL FILLED JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LOCATION	POSITION/TITLE	TOTAL POSITION	JVA NO.	CLOSING DATE
San Vicente Elem. School, William S. Reyes Elem. School	Teacher Aide (Chamorro and Carolinian Language Heritage Studies) (Amendment V) (ReAnnouncement V)	1	PSS 2015-181	May 02, 2016 – Until Filled
Special Education Program	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified) (ReAnnouncement I) Content Area: Special Education	1	PSS 2015-276	Oct. 06, 2015 – Until Filled
Special Education Program	Speech Language Pathologist (ReAnnouncement V)	1	PSS 2014-138	Oct. 09, 2015 – Until Filled
Special Education Program	Speech Language Pathologist	1	PSS 2015-294	Oct. 20, 2015 – Until Filled
Early Intervention Program	Speech Language Pathologist	1	PSS 2015-295	Oct. 20, 2015 – Until Filled
Office of Student Support Services	Classroom Teacher (ELL/Literacy) Amendment/ ReAnnouncement	1	PSS 2015-257	Nov. 19, 2015 – Until Filled
JROTC Program – Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr/Sr High School	Army Instructor (ReAnnouncement II)	1	PSS 2015-277	Nov. 19, 2015 – Until Filled
Special Education Program	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2015-332	Dec. 15, 2015 – Until Filled
Special Education Program	Instructor – Sign Language Interpreting	2	PSS 2016-003	Jan.26, 2016 – Until Filled
JROTC Program	JROTC Army Instructor	1	PSS 2016-004	Feb. 08, 2016 – Until Filled
JROTC Program	Senior Army Instructor	1	PSS 2016-007	Feb. 08, - Until Filled
JROTC Program	Director of Army Instruction	1	PSS 2016-005	Feb. 08, 2016 – Until Filled
Special Education Program	Special Education School Counselor – Behavioral Specialist (Amendment)	1	PSS 2016-015	March 8, 2016 – Until Filled
Chamorro Carolinian Language Heritage Studies Program, San Vicente Elem. School	Instructor I (CCLHS) (Re-Announcement)	1	PSS 2016-023	May 2, 2016 – Until Filled
Kagman High School	School Vice Principal I-II	1	PSS 2016-020	April 18, 2016 – Until Filled
Early Head Start/Head Start Program	Supply Technician I (Re-Announcement/Amendment)	1	PSS 2015-215	April 19, 2016 – Until Filled
Early Head Start/Head Start Program	Early Head Start Family Partnership (Re-Announcement II)	1	PSS 2015-311	April 19, 2016 – Until Filled
Early Head Start/Head Start Program	Early Head Start Secretary I (Re-Announcement II)	1	PSS 2015-212	April 19, 2016 – Until Filled
Early Head Start/Head Start Program	Practice Based Coach (Re-Announcement VI)	1	PSS 2014-172	April 19, 2016 – Until Filled
Saipan Southern High School	Instructor I-III (Nursing Assistantship – CTE)	1	PSS 2016-034	April 22, 2016 – Until Filled
Food & Nutrition Services Office	Part-Time Food Monitor (3 positions) (Re-Announcement)	1	PSS 2015-308	May 02, 2016 – Until Filled
Marianas High School	School Counselor (Re-Announcement)	1	PSS 2015-280	May 02, 2016 – Until Filled
Federal Programs Office	Social Media Intern	1	PSS 2016-036	May 2, 2016 – Until Filled
Food & Nutrition Services Office	Part-Time Food Monitor (Re-Announcement II)	1	PSS 2015-317	May 18, 2016 – Until Filled
Special Education Program	Occupational Therapist III-IV (Re-Announcement XXXVII)	1	PSS 2012-074	May 18, 2016 – Until Filled
Kagman High School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified)	2	PSS 2016-052	May 23, 2016 – Until Filled
Kagman High School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-053	May 23, 2016 – Until Filled
Chamorro Carolinian Language Heritage Studies Program, Tanapag Middle School	Instructor I (CCLHS)	1	PSS 2016-056	May 23, 2016 – Until Filled
Kagman Elementary School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-057	May 23, 2016 – Until Filled
Food & Nutrition Services Office	Nutrition Assistant Monitor (Re-Announcement II)	1	PSS 2015-310	May 26, 2016 – Until Filled
Saipan, Tinian, Rota	Classroom Teachers (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-064	June 9, 2016 – Until Filled
Special Education Program	Substitute Teacher Aide (20 Positions)	20	PSS 2016-062	June 16, 2016 – Until Filled
Special Education Program	Teacher Aide (10 Positions)	10	PSS 2016-063	June 16, 2016 – Until Filled
Garapan Elementary School	Building Maintenance Worker (Re-Announcement IV)	1	PSS 2015-149	June 16, 2016 – Until Filled
Kagman High School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-070	July 1, 2016 – Until Filled
Tinian Jr.Sr. High School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified) (2 Positions)	2	PSS 2016-074	July 1, 2016 – Until Filled
Saipan Southern High School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified) (2 Positions)	2	PSS 2016-075	July 1, 2016 – Until Filled
Saipan Southern High School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-077	July 1, 2016 – Until Filled
William S. Reyes Elem. School	School Counselor (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-080	July 1, 2016 – Until Filled
William S. Reyes Elementary School	Classroom Teacher (2 Positions)	2	PSS 2016-079	July 12, 2016 – Until Filled
Saipan Southern High School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-083	July 12, 2016 – Until Filled
Koblerville Elementary School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-084	July 12, 2016 – Until Filled
Alternative Education Program	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-086	July 12, 2016 – Until Filled
Kagman High School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-088	July 12, 2016 – Until Filled
Marianas High School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified) (3 Positions)	3	PSS 2016-089	July 12, 2016 – Until Filled
Marianas High School	Classroom Teacher (Career Technical Education) (2 Positions)	2	PSS 2016-090	July 12, 2016 – Until Filled
Marianas High School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified) (Class Size Reduction)	1	PSS 2016-092	July 12, 2016 – Until Filled
Office of Procurement & Supply	Procurement and Supply Specialist II (Amendment) (Re-Announcement)	1	PSS 2016-017	July 22 – Aug. 05, 2016
Cha Cha OceanView Middle School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-093	July 22, 2016 – Until Filled
Cha Cha Ocean View Middle School	Instructor I (CCLHS)	1	PSS 2016-094	July 22, 2016 – Until Filled
Sinapalo Elementary School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-095	July 22, 2016 – Until Filled
Sinapalo Elementary School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-096	July 22, 2016 – Until Filled
Tanapag Middle School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-097	July 22, 2016 – Until Filled
Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School	School Counselor (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-098	July 22, 2016 – Until Filled
Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-099	July 22, 2016 – Until Filled
Garapan Elementary School	School Counselor (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-100	July 22, 2016 – Until Filled
Garapan Elementary School	Instructor I (CCLHS)	1	PSS 2016-101	July 22, 2016 – Until Filled
Kagman High School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-102	July 22, 2016 – Until Filled
Tinian Elementary School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified) (2 Positions)	2	PSS 2016-103	July 22, 2016 – Until Filled
Tinian Elementary School	School Counselor (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-104	July 22, 2016 – Until Filled
Tinian Elementary School	Instructor I (CCLHS)	1	PSS 2016-105	July 22, 2016 – Until Filled
Sinapalo Elementary School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-106	July 22, 2016 – Until Filled
Sinapalo Elementary School	Instructor I (CCLHS)	1	PSS 2016-107	July 22, 2016 – Until Filled
Alternative Education Program	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified) (4 Positions)	4	PSS 2016-108	July 22, 2016 – Until Filled
Office of Accountability, Research and Evaluation	Education Specialist III-V (Accountability Program Coordinator)	1	PSS 2016-109	July 22 – Aug. 05, 2016
Hopwood Jr. High School	Custodial Worker I	1	PSS 2016-068	July 29 – Aug. 12, 2016
Kagman High School	School Counselor (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-110	July 29, 2016 – Until Filled
William S. Reyes Elementary School	Instructor I (CCLHS) (2 Positions)	2	PSS 2016-111	July 29, 2016 – Until Filled
Oleai Elementary School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-113	July 29, 2016 – Until Filled
San Vicente Elementary School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-114	July 29, 2016 – Until Filled
Koblerville Elementary School	Classroom Teacher (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-115	July 29, 2016 – Until Filled
JROTC Program	Senior Army Instructor	1	PSS 2016-118	July 29, 2016 – Until Filled
Hopwood Jr. High School	School Counselor (Highly Qualified)	1	PSS 2016-119	July 29, 2016 – Until Filled
Head Start Program, Tinian	Family Partnership Advocate (Re-Announcement)	1	PSS 2015-336	July 29, 2016 – Until Filled

INTERESTED APPLICANTS MAY OBTAIN A DETAILED JOB DESCRIPTION WITH QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION FORMS AT THE PSS HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE AT THE FIRST FLOOR, CNMI PSS CENTRAL OFFICE BUILDING, BWUGHOS STREET, SUSUPE. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE ATTACHED TO COMPLETE APPLICATION FORMS: (1) COPY OF DIPLOMA/DEGREE; (2) TRANSCRIPTS; (3) POLICE CLEARANCE (FROM PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR PAST SIX MONTHS); (4) VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT LETTER; (5) RESUME; AND (6) TEACHING CERTIFICATE (IF APPLICABLE).COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE OR MAILED TO: CNMI PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, ATTN: HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, CNMI PSS CENTRAL OFFICE BUILDING, P.O. BOX 501370 CK, SAIPAN, MP 96950, and TEL. #. (670) 237-3051 / FAX # (670) 664-3707. FREE COPY.

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COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE
SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PARKING FACILITIES
PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-017-16

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is inviting proposals for the Management and Operation of the Saipan International Airport Parking Facilities. The contractor selected will manage the facility for a period of five (5) years with the option to extend the contract annually, up to a maximum of three (3) years at CPA's sole discretion.

The Proposal Package will be available for pick up at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport beginning August 05, 2016.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on Friday, August 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Saipan International Airport Terminal Departure Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. All proposers are requested to attend.

Questions and/or clarifications shall be addressed during the pre-proposal conference. However, CPA will extend this opportunity to August 22, 2016 only by written request to the attention of the Executive Director by emailing to: cpa.receptionist@pticom.com; with copy to: atudela@cpa.gov.mp. No questions will be entertained after this date.

All proposals must be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Management and Operations of the Saipan International Airport Parking Facilities, CPA-RFP-017-16".
One original and three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME, August 30, 2016, to the Office of the Executive Director at the aforementioned location.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so, would be in CPA's best interest. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest. All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

Jose R. Lifoifoi
CPA Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

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PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE
USED VEHICLES
BENJAMIN T. MANGLONA
ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority will sell at Public Auction, August 19, 2016 at 3:00 PM used vehicles at the Benjamin T. Manglona, Rota International Airport. The vehicle listing is as follows:

1.	1994 Nissan Pathfinder	License Plate No. 24-90
2.	1995 Toyota P/U Truck	License Plate No. 20-32
3.	2002 Ford Explorer SUV	License Plate No. 34-10
4.	2005 Toyota Tacoma P/Up	License Plate No. 37-41
5.	2006 Nissan Frontier C/Cab	License Plate No. 38-61

The vehicles will each have a reasonable minimum bid cost. Bidders are requested to inspect the vehicles by contacting the Rota Airport Manager at telephone number 532-9497, Monday to Friday, 08:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The vehicles will be sold "As Is" and "Where Is" and without Warranty. The successful bidder is required to pay 20% down payment on acceptance of bid. Balance shall be payable at the Rota Airport Manager's Office, Rota International Airport within 5 calendar days from auction closing date. Bidder shall only remove the vehicle(s) from the airport premises upon full payment of bid price. Failure to pay will result in the forfeiture of the down payment and equipment. Payment shall be in cash, cashier's check, or money order payable to CPA.

Inquiries may be directed to the Procurement Officer, Mr. Alex C. Tudela at telephone number 237-6563.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

Christopher S. Tenorio
Acting Executive Director

MCS' drama camp concludes with a sold-out film festival

The Kids Drama Camp run by Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club concluded last week with a sold-out screening of a *Star Wars* Kids Fanfilm Festival at Hollywood Theaters. The festival featured three films that were shot and produced by kids in the camp: a mini-documentary "Star Wars: New Fans Awaken," a Lego stop-animation film "Race to the Finish Line," and a feature narrative "Star Wars: The Dream Awakens."

The three films showcased the acting and filming talent of kids in the camp and incorporated lessons that they had learned throughout the camp. Since the camp started back in June, kids learned about the various aspects of theater and filmmaking, including storyboarding, cinematography, and editing. Students were also treated to a weeklong presentation on the *Star Wars* film franchise, and they watched *Star Wars* films and TV shows throughout the summer.

Kids in the camp were also guided and mentored by camp counselors drawn from the school's Theatre Club. Since its inception in 1996, the Theatre Club has produced 40 productions, including numerous films, which helped camp counselors and their campers with the filmmaking process.

For these counselors, helping the kids learn and grow was extremely rewarding.

As camp leader Kristle Richardson put it, "As an aspiring filmmaker, I wish I had attended this camp as a kid." She added, "This drama camp gave kids the opportunity to gain knowledge and hands-on experience with theater and film, as well as being exposed to movie classics, specifically, Star Wars."

Fellow camp counselor and Star Wars aficionado, Justin Ocampo, felt the same. "I think the best part of it being a Star Wars camp was seeing the kids grow an interest in *Star Wars* in the same way I did around their age, and find their own certain personal connection to the characters. Whether it was Darth Vader or Princess Leia, everyone saw themselves or found their struggles relatable, and I thought that was amazing."

Another camp counselor, Zeno Deleon Guerrero, echoed Ocampo's sentiments. "One of the best parts about Drama Camp is seeing how these kids grow throughout the whole program. From the first day with most of them being shy and closed off to the last few days of almost uncontrollable energy. It was also heartwarming and heartbreaking to see a lot of them cry on that last day because some of us might not see each other again."

In the end, though, the counselors also learned much from their kids. According to Richardson, "As much as the camp had a lot to offer, the kids were the ones that taught me so much about myself, what to expect in the future, and not only emphasized the meaning of passion, but showing me what it takes to have it. They're such great people to have around, who were always looking forward to learning something new. It made me happy to watch their creativity bloom, humor show, and efforts matter to them."

The Kids Drama Camp and the *Star Wars* Kids Fanfilm Festival were made possible by a grant from the CNMI Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Child Care and Development Fund Program. ***(PR)***

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Drama Campers line up on their way into the Kids *Star Wars* Fanfilm festival.

Drama Campers and Camp Counselors gather for a group photo in front of a banner made especially for the *Star Wars* Kids Fanfilm Festival.

Mt. Carmel School gets another enrollment boost

Marking a fifth year in a row of enrollment increases, Mount Carmel School opened doors for the new 2016-2017 school year with an enrollment of over 500 students, up from a historic low of 260 five years ago. In addition to the enrollment increase, the school launched the new year with many enhancements, including new kindergarten students from the Sister Remedios Early Childhood Development Center, a new ballet studio from Glushko's Academy of Performing Arts, an expanded playground, a new uniform code, much needed building and classroom repairs, and a new paint job on the middle school and elementary school buildings.

A 'new' campus

"It's almost as if students are walking on to a brand new campus," said school president, Galvin Deleon Guerrero. Deleon Guerrero took the helm of his alma mater five years ago when he returned as its president. "We owe a debt of gratitude to our hard-working administrators, our insurance company, our bank, and our insurance adjuster, all of whom worked tirelessly to prepare the campus for the new year."

» New campus for SY 2016-2017

Deleon Guerrero was referring to an insurance claim that was filed a year ago in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor. The school worked with Pacifica Insurance, Bank of Guam, and Smith Orloff and Associates to process a claim that was adequate to cover all needed repairs. The claim took a year to finalize, but it was just in time for all the repairs to be completed while students were away during the summer break. The claim covered repair of the middle school building roof, replacement of many air conditioners damaged in Soudelor, and a new paint job for two thirds of the campus facilities.

Deleon Guerrero lauded those who contributed to the effort. "We could not have

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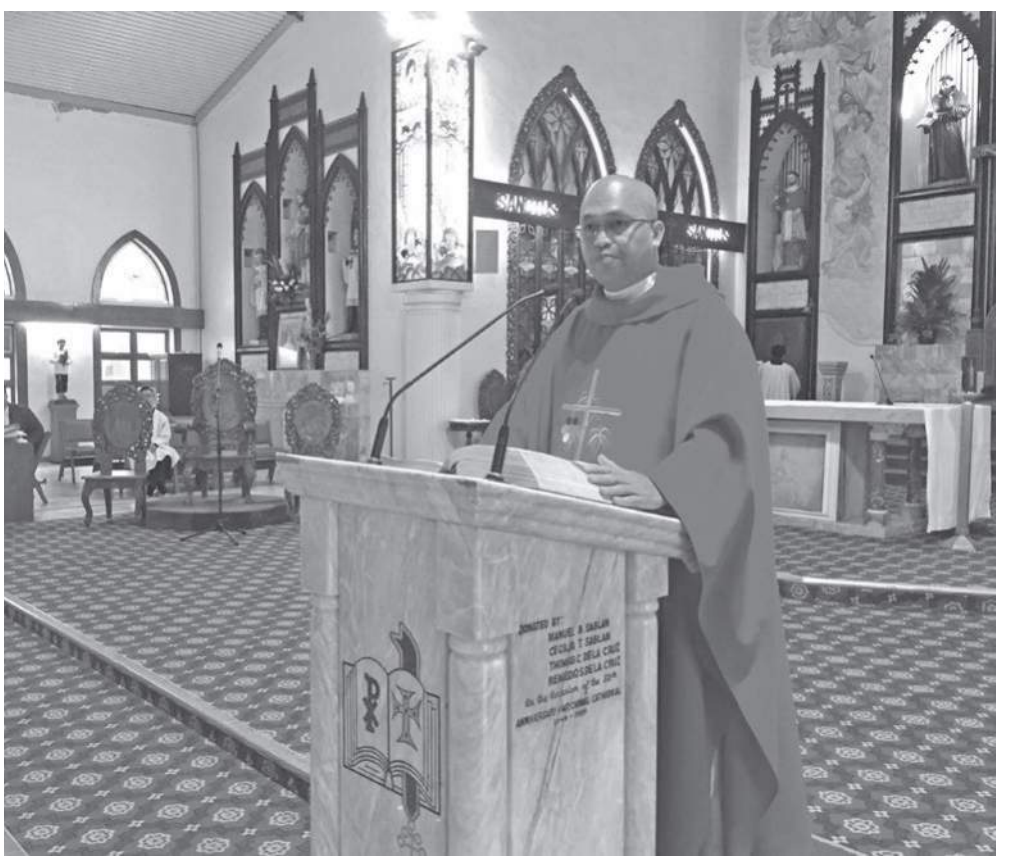
The newest members of the Mount Carmel School, K-5 Sister Remedios students, with their teacher aide, 2015 AlumKnight, Luisa Camacho, far left.



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Bishop-elect Ryan P. Jimenez encourages students to study hard during his homily at the opening mass, the Mass of the Holy Spirit.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-16-IFB-019

NATIVO ROAD AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, SAIPAN, CNMI

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Nativo Road and Drainage Improvement Project, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **July 22, 2016** at Departmnet of Public works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must b e made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Workat the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Deaprtment of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capital Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **August 11, 2016,** 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **August 23, 2016** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the proepective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-16-IFB-019"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **August 26, 2016**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **August 26, 2016**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **August 26, 2016** and must be received no later than **September 7, 2016.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **September 8, 2016.** However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on **August 26, 2016.**

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245.** The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **Three Hundred Dollars (US$300.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ PETER P. CAMACHO
Acting Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-16-IFB-020

CHALAN KANOA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Chalan Kanoa Drainage Improvement Project, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **August 5, 2016** at Departmnet of Public works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must b e made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Workat the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Deaprtment of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capital Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **August 23, 2016**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **September 6, 2016** to **Mr. George C. Sablan, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. George C. Sablan, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

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Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-16-IFB-020"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **September 9, 2016**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **September 9, 2016**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **September 9, 2016** and must be received no later than **September 20, 2016.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

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Acting Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

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done it without the help of Pacifica, Bank of Guam, Smith Orloff, and our school leaders, specifically principal Frances Taimanao, acting business Manager Bobby Baldazo, and director of Institutional Development John Blanco, who sacrificed their vacation time to ensure the campus was ready for the new year."

Good teaching = enrollment increase

Regarding the enrollment increase, Taimanao attributed it to the concerted efforts of faculty to improve instructional quality. She said, "Our accreditation evaluation and several surveys suggested that we take steps to improve how we teach, which is exactly what we did." She added, "As a result, we saw both an increase in student and parent satisfaction on recent surveys and an increase in student performance on standardized tests."

For Student Council president, Zeno Deleon Guerrero, the enrollment increase and all the new developments at the school are contributing to a high level of school spirit among the student body. As he put it, "Everyone still has their jitters, but they're really excited about meeting their old friends and making new ones. They're looking forward to everything that this new year has to offer."

Students' main duty: Study

The first day of school started with the annual opening day mass, the Mass of the Holy Spirit, which was celebrated by Father Ryan Jimenez, Bishop Elect for the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa. Despite his busy schedule preparing for his upcoming Episcopal Ordination on August 14th, Bishop Jimenez felt it was important to make time to help launch the school year.

After proclaiming the Gospel, Bishop-elect Jimenez led school employees in the Commissioning Ceremony of Catholic Educators, which is held every start of the school year during the Mass of the Holy Spirit. The ceremony highlighted the commitment of faculty, staff, and administrators to the school's mission and philosophy.

Soon after the Commission Ceremony, Bishop-elect Jimenez delivered his homily, in which he commended the school for its enrollment increase, observing, "It's been a while that we've seen the Cathedral almost this full." He also reminded students about their primary duty as students. "In all that you do, remember that as students, your focus is to study. So study hard and do your best."

While there has been a substantial enrollment increase, the school still has limited slots available in a few grade levels. For more information, call 234-6184 or visit mountcarmelsaipan.com. ***(PR)***

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High school students prepare their class schedules as part of the Scheduling Fair.

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Mount Carmel School vice principal Helene Lizama Manning during the Commissioning Ceremony for Catholic Educators held every start of the year as part of the Mass of the Holy Spirit.

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First grade teacher, Delfina Muña, walks her students through resources in her classroom.

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Fourth grade student, Claire Kautz, listens attentively to her teacher explain classroom procedures.

Man's cold reaction to wife's miscarriage adds to her pain

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Rob," and I are at odds and your response may affect whether we stay together or not. I had a miscarriage a week ago. I was only seven weeks pregnant, but it was still something real for me.

My husband's niece's birthday was over the weekend. I made it clear that I didn't want to drive (three hours!) and be around people after what happened. When he told me it didn't matter, that it was his niece's birthday, I lost it on him. After driving him to his sister's, I left and drove myself home.

He says I'm overreacting and said that I was OK with it earlier in the week. I explained how hurt I was that he'd insist on going and also that he couldn't stand up for me and explain that I was too emotional and upset to attend her birthday. He can't grasp why I'm so hurt by this. AM I overreacting, and am I crazy for feeling the way I feel?

FEELING DOWN IN THE SOUTH

DEAR FEELING DOWN: I'm sorry for your loss. You're not overreacting and you're not crazy. However, some people are unable to grasp how deeply a miscarriage in the early months of a pregnancy can affect the mother-to-be psychologically and physically. Unfortunately, Rob appears to be one of them.

You didn't mention whether you told your sister-in-law why you didn't feel up to celebrating, but if you didn't, you should have because she probably would have understood and let you off the hook. You also should have stayed home, not driven six hours round-trip to drop Rob off in your fragile condition.

If this continues to cause problems in your marriage, perhaps your clergyperson (if you have one) or a marriage counselor can help you get the message across to your husband.

DEAR ABBY: When I invited a family member and her family for dinner, she asked what I was serving. When I told her, she said, "My kids won't eat that," so I ended up making a different meal that met with her approval.

It was annoying, and I thought she was very rude. I can't imagine saying something like that to someone who is preparing food for me.

This is a family member, so I can't just write them off, but do you have any witty responses should this happen again?

DISGUSTED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR DISGUSTED: I agree it's rude for guests to ask a host what will be served, unless there are allergy issues to be considered. As far as what to say to your relative, I have a couple of suggestions. Neither one is "witty."

The first is: "Fine. Bring food your kids will eat or I'll thaw them some frozen pizza." Or, if you're feeling brave, say: "I'm serving (blank), so hire a baby sitter. That way, the kids can have what they're used to and we'll have an enjoyable adult evening."

P.S. It is not child abuse for parents to introduce children to different foods by telling them to taste it because they might like it. And if they don't, they won't be forced to eat it. That's how they learn.

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DEAR ABBY

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

WELL DAD, OFF TO WORK?
TOO BAD. I'M ON SUMMER VACATION, SO I GET TO STAY HOME AND DO WHATEVER I WANT.
WELL, GO OFF AND JOIN THE RAT RACE! MOM AND I ARE RACKING UP LOTS OF EXPENSES!
OOG.
I JUST DO THAT TO HELP HIM APPRECIATE THE WEEKENDS MORE.

Garfield®

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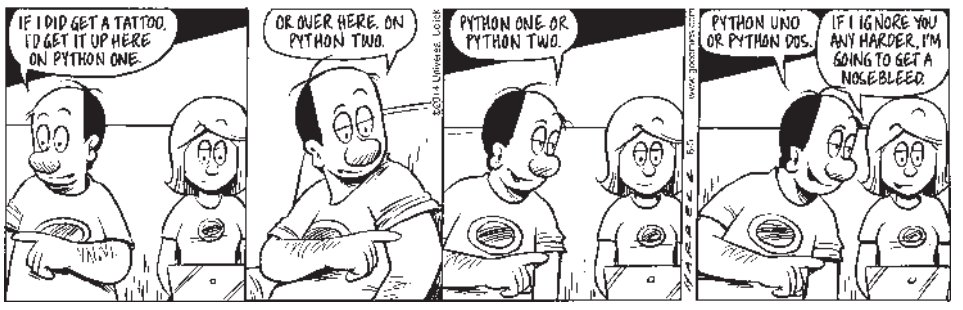
By Bryan Basset


IF I DID GET A TATTOO, I'D GET IT UP HERE ON PYTHON ONE.
OR OVER HERE, ON PYTHON TWO.
PYTHON ONE OR PYTHON TWO.
PYTHON UNO OR PYTHON DOS.
IF I IGNORE YOU ANY HARDER, I'M GOING TO GET A NOSEBLEED.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Women's mag
6 Garfield, for one
9 Religious sch.
12 Gray matter
13 World Cup cheer
14 Part of TNT
15 Feel
16 Casual footwear
18 Within one's power
20 Antique cars
21 Greek vowel
23 Goat's plaint
24 Primitive
25 Iodine source
27 Clutch
29 Store fodder
31 Peaceful state
35 Nick of "Cape Fear"
37 Big fair, for short
38 Spiral
41 "Norma —"
43 Enthusiast
44 Store sign
45 Exactly
47 Thick-soled women's footwear
49 Rocking toy, to a toddler
52 Wahine's gift
53 Bottom line
54 "Frasier" dog
55 Tax form ID
56 CIA operative
57 Endures

DOWN

1 "Undercover Boss" network
2 Raw rock
3 Summer footwear
4 Japanese soup
5 Wee hr.
6 Shirt part
7 Skin soother
8 Earl Grey, e.g.
9 Take the helm
10 Flynn of film
11 Singer Elliott
17 Thick milkshake
19 Roll with a hole
21 — out a living
22 Sawbuck
24 Language suffix
26 Yearning (for)
28 Locales
30 19-Down go-with
32 Laced-up footwear
33 Hot tub
34 A billion years
36 Reliable
38 Coyote calls
39 Tools for duels
40 Ushered to a seat
42 Lucy's pal
45 Private transport?
46 Pop
48 Connections
50 Command to Fido
51 "You bet!"

Solution time: 25 mins.

G	R	A	M		B	A	S		A	F	O	G
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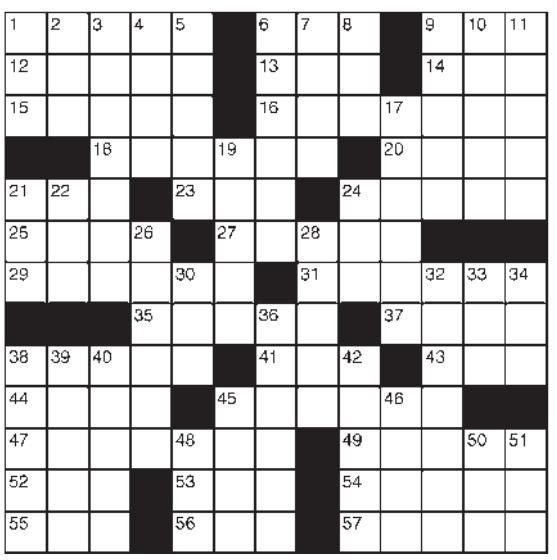
Yesterday's answer 8-5



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Lolo Jones, 34; Jesse Williams, 35; Jonathan Silverman, 50; Maureen McCormick, 60.

Happy Birthday: Personal changes will lead to greater advancement. A financial opportunity will develop in a highly unusual manner. Your creative imagination will help you choose an interesting way to make more cash. Starting your own small business should be considered. A change will do you good as long as you move forward slowly and stick to an affordable budget. Your numbers are 9, 13, 22, 29, 32, 46, 49.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Problems with peers will develop if someone doesn't pull his or her weight. Make sure you do what's expected of you. Getting along with others and being a team player will improve your reputation and position you for a brighter future. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Focus on professional goals. Learn from those one step ahead of you, and do your best to keep up. An unexpected promotion to a better position is possible if you network and take on more responsibility without being asked. ✪✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Tempers will surface if you try to get others to do things for you. Try using an unusual method to bring in more money. Put more effort into showing how much you care and less into talking about it. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Look at life from a new perspective and you will find a way to solve any problems you face. A short jaunt to visit someone important to you could make a positive impact on your attitude and your future. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): False information will result in a loss. Keep your money in a safe place. Don't let anyone pressure you into a deal that sounds too good to be true. Focus on personal changes through physical activity. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Your sensitivity toward others will help you understand what you are up against. You can't change the world, but you can make a difference to those you love. Do whatever it takes to stabilize an important relationship. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Keep personal secrets to yourself. Once you have finished what you started, you will be in a better position to share information. Dealing with institutions will prove difficult if you show inconsistency or an unwillingness to cooperate. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Ask for help if you need it. The information offered will encourage you to step things up a notch and aim for a higher position. Show off what you have to offer. Being unique will be to your advantage. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Stick close to home. Avoid heading in a direction that will lead to bad habits. It's important to be honest, and asking questions is a helpful way to make better decisions. Don't take unnecessary risks. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Consider what you want to see happen. Make a list, negotiate a contract and put your plans into play. Don't allow the changes going on around you to throw you off track. Romance is encouraged. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Strive to bring about positive changes regarding important relationships. An idea you have considered in the past will have a much better shot at success if launched now. Seize the moment and make an effort to advance. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Keep moving. Don't let unfinished business slow you down. Organization will be necessary to fulfill your responsibilities. Stick to the truth and head for the finish line. Avoid emotional arguments with someone you love. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are loving, innovative and hardworking. You are determined and precise.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 8/05

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Director, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP NO.: RFP16-DPL-145

SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 23, 2016 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENTS AND SITE REMEDIATION PLANS FOR FORMER RADAR STATION, AS MATIUS, SAIPAN AND FORMER COWTOWN, MARPI, SAIPAN, A PROJECT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS"

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/S/ MARIANNE C. TEREGEYO
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/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, PROC. & SUPPLY

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP16-OPA-155

SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 16, 2016 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"FINANCIAL AUDITS FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS RETIREMENT FUND (NMIRF) AND GROUP HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE TRUST FUND (GHLITF), AS COMPONENT UNITS OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016"

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/S/ MICHAEL PAI, CPA
PUBLIC AUDITOR

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

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CORAL OCEAN GOLF RESORT

Bartender
Salary : $6.05 to $8.00
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least one year experienced working as a Bartender. Knowledge in different variety of cocktail, tropical, alcoholic or non-alcohol drinks. Must be able to create and possess broad ideas for mixing, creating and serving drinks. Excellent interpersonal skills with a positive attitude, professional, neat and well groomed at all times. A ""People Person"", acquired hospitality related program and speaking additional languages preferred but not required. Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services including handling large group of customers. Computer literate. Be able to stand for prolonged period of time. Able to obtain Food Handler Certification.

Front Desk Clerk (Korean Speaking)
Salary: $6.05 to $7.50
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least six months to a year of related work experience in the hotel and golf course industry. Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services including handling large group of arrivals. Excellent interpersonal skills with a positive attitude, professional, neat and well groomed at all times. Acquired hospitality related program is an asset but not required. A "People Person", be able to speak additional languages is preferred but not required. Physically capable to lift at least 50lbs and have a valid driver's CNMI license. be able to stand for prolonged period of time and must possess a friendly and good manners. Knowledge in the game of game of golf preferred but not required.

Finance and Accounting Supervisor
Salary : $8.00 to $9.50
Bachelors Degree in Accountancy or equivalent. Have atleast three years working experience in a Hotel/Golf Course industry or field of auditing work. Have knowledge of economics and accounting principles and practices, A/P, A/R, G/L, bank analysis and reporting of financial data. Excellent in mathematical and communication skills. Ability to maintain highly confidential nature of accoutning works and possess prfessionalism with good manners and right conduct. Proven ability to develop and train people on how to use financial spreadsheets. Knowledge in different accounting software application must know how to operate Peachtree program and must be computer literate. Must be able to work under pressure, and meet deadlines.

Automotive Mechanic
Salary : $7.00 to $8.00
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least one or two years of working experienced in full range skilled repair and maintenance on automobiles, small engines such as golf course equipment, heavy equipment, and other mechanical and electrical equipment. Has the ability to be extent flexibility that includes bending, twisting, and lifting.

(7) Housekeepers
Salary Range : $6.05to $7.50
High School Diploma or equivalent. Few months to one year related work experienced. Knowledge of principles and process for providing customer and personal services including handling large group of arrival. Must be able to understand and follow instructions and out task in order and willing to work under pressure with the specified number of rooms or duties assigned in everyday. Has the ability to be extent flexibility that includes bending, twisting and lifting. Computer literacy is preferred but not required. Be able to stand for prolonged period of time and must possess a friendly and good manners.

Cook (Western Cuisine)
Salary: $6.05 to $8.50
High School Diploma or equivalent. Six months to a year of work related experienced. Culinary Degree preferred but not required. Excellent interpersonal, neat nad well groomed at all times. Be able to stand for prolonged period of time.Full understaninding of licensing responsibilities and environmental health standards. And a highly qualified in preparing variety of food and knowledgeable in processing and food production of Western Cuisine, like salad, appetizers, dessert and main entrees. Able to obtain Food Handler Certification.

Cook (Japanese Cuisine)
Salary: $6.05 to $8.50
High School Diploma or equivalent. Six months to a year of work related experienced. Culinary Degree preferred but not required. Excellent interpersonal, neat nad well groomed at all times. Be able to stand for prolonged period of time.Full understanidng of licensing responsibilities and environmental health standards. And a highly qualified in preparing variety of food and knowledgeable in processing and food production of Japanese Cuisine, like salad, appetizers, dessert and main entrees. Able to obtain Food Handler Certification.

Golf Course Starter
Salary : $6.05 to $7.25
High School Diploma or equivalent. Knowledge of principle and processes for providing excellent personal and guest service skills. Be able to speak other language but not required. Must be able to work under the sun. Be able to stand prolonged period of time and capable of lifting at least 50lbs. Must be able to acquire driver's license. Possess knowledge in the rules of golf game.

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TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of Court of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, -v- DENITA S. NAPUTI and ALBERT RAY CEPEDA, Defendants.	:	CIVIL ACTION NO. 15-0139

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on July 14, 2016, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot no. 011 G 336, situated in Kagman, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 788 square meters, more or less, as shown on DLS Check no. 011 G 06 dated December 1, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File. no. 93-4414, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, August 19, 2016, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARITA DLG. CASTRO, Deceased.	] Civil Action No. 16-0053] **AMENDED**] **NOTICE OF HEARING AND**] **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**]] Date: September 22, 2016] Time: 9:00 a.m.] Judge: Honorable Joseph N. Camacho	

TO: THE HEIRS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND CREDITORS OF THE DECEDENT OR OF HIS/HER ESTATE

An AMENDED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Petitioner Commonwealth Development Authority has filed a Petition for Letters of Administration in the above-entitled action.

A HEARING on the Petition for Letters of Administration will be conducted by the Court on September 22, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 220A, CNMI Superior Court. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order appointing Joan Marie Dlg. Castro, as Administratrix should not be made.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rules 21 and 11 of the Commonwealth Rules of Probate, all creditors and persons having claims against the decedent must file their respective claims in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, within sixty (60) days of the publication of this notice. Failure to file claims by then will result in the claims being forever barred. A copy of the claim of any creditor should be sent to the Jennifer Dockter, counsel for Petitioner, at the above indicated address. Reference is hereby made to the Petition for Letters of Administration for further particulars.

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Questions from proposing firms regarding the contents of the RFP packet must be received, **no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, August 12, 2016 ChST** and must be submitted in writing via mail, email or facsimile to Ms. Marianne Concepcion Teregeyo, Secretary, Department of Public Lands at the following address:

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Teixeira sparks Yankees to Subway Series win

NEW YORK (AP)—Mark Teixeira brought the Subway Series to life with his bat, his legs, his temper and even some head games that caused him to grin like the Cheshire Cat.

Teixeira hit a tiebreaking, three-run drive off Steven Matz in the second inning for his first home run against a left-hander in more than a year, then got hit by a pitch that sparked a bench-clearing dustup in the New York Yankees' 9-5 win over the Mets on Wednesday night.

Two innings later, Mets reliever Hansel Robles lost his composure at Yankee Stadium and started shouting when he thought Teixeira was stealing signs while taking a lead off second base.

"If you think I have them, then change the signs," Teixeira said. "Don't try to challenge me to a duel."

Teixeira's home run, the first for the switch-hitter off a lefty since July 31 last year, put the Yankees ahead.

"Are you kidding me!" Teixeira yelled.

"I know Matz is a good kid. I like him a lot. I've talked to him a few times, but listen, when you hit a home run and the next pitch is not even close to the plate and hits you, it just looks bad," Teixeira said after the game. "If it was on purpose, it's uncalled for. If it wasn't, it just looked really bad."

After Gary Sanchez got his first big league hit in the seventh and scored on Rob Refsnyder's sacrifice fly for a 7-4 lead, Teixeira was at second with the bases loaded when Teixeira got into Robles' head.

AP
New York Yankees' Mark Teixeira watches his three-run home run off New York Mets starting pitcher Steven Matz during the second inning of a baseball game Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2016, in New York.

Cubs 5, Marlins 5

In Chicago, Matt Szczur scored on A.J. Ramos' wild pitch with two outs in the ninth inning to give the Chicago Cubs a comeback victory over the Miami Marlins.

The Cubs scored three runs in the inning to sweep the three-game series.

Miguel Montero led off with a double to right and went to third on Javier Baez's single. Ramos (1-1) then walked pinch-hitter Szczur to load the bases. Dexter Fowler made it 3-2 with a sacrifice fly to right, and all the runners advanced.

Nationals 8, Diamondbacks 3

In Phoenix, Max Scherzer struck out 11 in eight innings and had a two-run single in Washington's victory over Arizona.

Washington earned its fourth road series sweep of the season and first since May 30-June 1 at Philadelphia. Arizona lost its fourth straight and sixth in seven games.

Scherzer (12-6) allowed three runs on four hits, giving up two homers, and walked one. He is 3-0 in four starts against the Diamondbacks, the team that drafted him 11th overall in 2006.

Rockies 12, Dodgers 2

In Denver, Carlos Gonzalez homered twice before leaving with an apparent ankle injury in Colorado's victory over Los Angeles.

Gonzalez had his 19th multi-homer game of his career with Nos. 22 and 23 this season. He left in the bottom of seventh after he appeared to roll his left ankle at the plate.

Nolan Arenado, Mark Reynolds and DJ LeMahieu also homered for Colorado. The Rockies have won 11 of 13 to move above the .500 mark for the first time since May 18.

Phillies 5, Giants 4, 12 innings

In Philadelphia, Maikel Franco drove home the winning run with one out in the 12th inning to lift Philadelphia past struggling San Francisco.

Ryan Howard homered among his three hits and Cameron Rupp also connected for Philadelphia. Franco finished with three RBI, including one on the unusual play that ended the game.

Luis Garcia (1-0) pitched a scoreless inning for the win. George Kontos (2-2) was the loser.

Cardinals 5, Reds 4

In Cincinnati, Brandon Moss singled home two runs in St. Louis' four-run first inning, extending his season-long streak against Cincinnati.

St. Louis sent nine batters to the plate against Cody Reed (0-6) in the first inning, with Moss and Greg Garcia each driving in a pair of runs with singles. Stephen Piscotty added a solo homer, the Cardinals' fifth in two games.

Orioles 3, Rangers 2

In Baltimore, Kevin Gausman outpitched Cole Hamels, and Baltimore rode a three-run first inning to a victory over Texas.

Matt Wieters had two RBI for the AL East-leading Orioles, a major league-best 39-16 at home. Baltimore will seek to complete a three-game sweep on Thursday in a series between first-place teams.

Tigers 2, White Sox 1

In Detroit, J.D. Martinez broke an eighth-inning tie with a pinch homer on the first pitch he faced since June and Detroit beat Chicago for its eighth straight victory.

Playing for the first time since fracturing his elbow June 16, Martinez hit for James McCann leading off the inning and launched Chris Sale's first pitch into the shrubs above the centerfield fence.

Rays 12, Royals 0

In St. Petersburg, Jake Odorizzi had his third consecutive scoreless start, Steven Souza Jr. homered for the first time in two months and Tampa Bay routed Kansas City.

Brad Miller and Kevin Kiermaier also homered for the Rays.

Odorizzi (6-5) allowed two singles, walked two and had six strikeouts in six innings. The right-hander hasn't given up a run in 20 2/3 innings over the three-start stretch. Enny Romero and Ryan Garton completed a two-hitter.

Mariners 3, Red Sox 1

In Seattle, Nelson Cruz, Mike Zunino and Adam Lind hit solo home runs and Seattle beat Boston, handing Rick Porcello his first loss since May.

Cruz hit his 27th homer of the season leading off the second inning, Zunino hit his fifth leading off the sixth and Lind capped Seattle's scoring with his 16th of the season with two outs in the seventh.

Twins 13, Indians 5

In Cleveland, Joe Mauer had four hits and four RBI, Brian Dozier hit a three-run homer and Minnesota continued its mastery over Cleveland.

AL Central-leading Cleveland fell to 4-8 against last-place Minnesota. The Twins have outscored the Indians 35-16 in winning the first three games of the series. The Indians' lead over Detroit in the AL Central lead has shrunk to two games.

Braves 8, Pirates 4

In Atlanta, Ender Inciarte broke a tie with an RBI single in the fifth inning and offensively challenged Atlanta had 15 hits in its victory over Pittsburgh.

Atlanta improved to 17-39 at Turner Field, the worst home record in the majors. Pittsburgh, which began the day two games out of a wild-card spot, has lost four five.

Pirates starter Jeff Locke (8-7) blew the four-run lead and was chased on Inciarte's single.

Blue Jays 3, Astros 1

In Houston, Josh Donaldson hit two home runs, and Marco Estrada threw seven solid innings in Toronto's victory over Houston.

Jose Bautista hit his second home run in two nights in the sixth as he and Donaldson went back-to-back. Donaldson led off the fourth with a home run to right field before hitting his 27th home run of the season in the sixth. It was Donaldson's third multi-homer game this season.

Padres 12, Brewers 3

In San Diego, Edwin Jackson pitched seven scoreless innings and had an RBI double, and Jabari Blash hit his first major league home run to help San Diego rout Milwaukee.

Jackson (2-2) retired the first 11 batters he faced, and the Brewers didn't put a runner in scoring position until Kirk Nieuwenhuis doubled in the fifth. Jackson signed a minor-league contract with the Padres in June after starting the season in Miami's bullpen. He gave up three runs—two on Ryan Braun's homer—on eight hits and struck out five over eight innings.

Mets slugger Cespedes going on DL with quadriceps injury

NEW YORK—Mets slugger Yoenis Cespedes swung under an 0-1 changeup from Tyler Clippard, looked down and took a stiff step out of the batter's box as he tried to stretch his sore right quadriceps.

He struck out on the next pitch, his last swing for at least two weeks.

Cespedes returned to the starting lineup in the Mets' 9-5 Subway Series loss to the New York Yankees on Wednesday night, then said he will be put on the 15-day disabled list Thursday in another blow to the defending NL champions. Before the game, the Mets said first baseman Lucas Duda likely will not play again this season because of a back injury that has sidelined him since May.

"I think the best option is just rest about 10 days or so, because if I continue playing hurt, I'm not going to recover," Cespedes said through a translator.

He injured the leg July 8 against Washington. Cespedes aggravated it last Saturday, then returned as a pinch-hitter Tuesday night when he legged out a run-scoring infield single.

With the Mets playing five straight games in AL ballparks, Mets manager Terry Collins hoped to use Cespedes as a designated hitter and return him to the outfield when a homestand starts next week.

Now, the earliest the All-Star can play is Aug. 19 at San Francisco. Rookie outfielder Brandon Nimmo will be recalled from Triple-A Las Vegas, where he was optioned Tuesday.

"It's been frustrating, because I've lost my timing," said Cespedes, hitting .292 with 22 homers and 59 RBI after a 1-for-5 night. "I've lost games and haven't been able to contribute to the ballclub."

Retired major leaguer Kevin Millar tweeted a photo of himself with Cespedes after a round of golf Wednesday, which did not bother Collins.

"Was he running on the course or was he walking? Did he ride a cart or was he jogging?" Collins said. "No, I don't have any problem."

The Mets, who have the lowest batting average in the National League, lost for the sixth time in eight games and dropped 8 1/2 games behind NL East-leading Washington and two games back for the league's second wild card.

Duda has been sidelined since May 20 because of a stress fracture in his lower back, an injury originally projected to keep him out of the lineup for four to six weeks.

Westbrook agrees to contract extension with Thunder

OKLAHOMA (AP)—Oklahoma City Thunder star guard Russell Westbrook has agreed to a three-year, $85 million-plus maximum contract renegotiation, league sources said.

Westbrook, a five-time All-Star, and his agent, Thad Foucher of Wasserman Media Group, are planning to fly to Oklahoma City on Thursday morning, sign the deal and likely hold a news conference with Thunder ownership and executives, league sources said.

For the Thunder, the Westbrook commitment is a significant statement in the wake of star Kevin Durant's departure for the Golden State Warriors. Westbrook is no longer a free agent in the summer of 2017, and Thunder GM Sam Presti and coach Billy Donovan have a longer window to continue improving the Thunder roster around Westbrook without the fear of losing him in free agency.

AP
Russell Westbrook has agreed to a three-year, $85 million-plus maximum contract renegotiation with the Oklahoma Thunder.

Westbrook will be under contract for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons and will hold a player option for the 2018-19 season, league sources said.

In the most likely scenario, Westbrook will become an unrestricted free agent in 2018 again.

In the structure of the renegotiation, Westbrook's salary in 2016-17 increases from $17.8 million to a $26.5 million max salary, $28.5 million in 2017-18, and includes a player option for $30.6 million in the third year.

Oklahoma City is able to offer the extension because it has the appropriate salary cap space available.

In the wake of Durant's departure, Westbrook new deal could be instrumental in recruiting another elite free agent to the Thunder's talented core next summer. Oklahoma native Blake Griffin of the Los Angeles Clippers will be a serious target for the Thunder, league sources said.

Westbrook is already fond of the returning core of talent in Oklahoma City, including center Steven Adams, guard Victor Oladipo and center Enes Kanter. Westbrook has been working out for the past several days in Los Angeles with Oladipo, with Billy Donovan in the gymnasium, league sources said.

Meanwhile, in Cleveland, the Cavaliers have re-signed veteran swingman James Jones for a third season.

While Jones hasn't made a huge contribution on the floor, the Cavaliers value his leadership. Jones has been teammates with LeBron James for the past six seasons, winning two titles with Miami and a third in Cleveland.

Cavs general manager David Griffin said Jones' "leadership and professionalism over the last two years have translated with our team in many different ways that have helped us reach our goals."

Regarded as one of the league's nicest people, the 6-foot-8 Jones has played 13 NBA seasons, averaging 5.4 points and 1.9 rebounds in 661 regular-season games.

Nicknamed "Champ," Jones appeared in 48 games and averaged 3.7 points in 9.6 minutes last season. He played in 12 postseason games during Cleveland's title run.

He has also played for Portland, Phoenix and Indiana.

In San Antonio, the Spurs have signed two-time All-Star David Lee.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

The 33-year-old won an NBA championship with Golden State in 2015. Lee has averaged 14.2 points, 9.2 rebounds and 2.3 assists over an 11-year career.

The forward/center finished last season with the Dallas Mavericks, averaging 8.5 points, 7.0 rebounds and 1.2 assists. Lee started last season with the Boston Celtics, making 30 appearances before being waived on Feb. 19.

Lee is one of three NBA players to total at least 10,000 points, 6,000 rebounds and 1,500 assists over the last 10 seasons, along with current Spur Pau Gasol and former San Antonio forward Tim Duncan.

Mickelson does not need win to validate good year

SPRINGFIELD, N.J. (AP)—Phil Mickelson is running out of time to validate what quietly has been a good year, minus only a victory.

He is not running out of patience.

Mickelson expects the disappointment from his runner-up finish in the British Open to linger because of how well he played, only to lose to the lowest score in major championship history. He found himself thinking too much about results in the PGA Championship, and along with not making putts, he was never a factor at Baltusrol.

"Certainly, the play this year at the British tells me that I'm able to play at a high level," said Mickelson, who turned 46 in June and is starting to check out colleges for his oldest daughter, 17-year-old Amanda. "I'm starting to see my game come back. I'm starting to hit the shots again—what I'm visualizing, what I'm seeing - and doing it with ease now."

He had only two winless years on the PGA Tour, 1999 and 2003, until going the last two years without a victory. The British Open wasn't his only close call. He missed a short putt at Pebble Beach to get into a playoff with Vaughn Taylor. He closed with a 67 to finish second in the FedEx St. Jude Classic. And then there was Royal Troon, where his 267 was topped only by Henrik Stenson's 264 in British Open history. Call that a case of bad timing.

Even so, three runner-up finishes is the most Mickelson has ever had in a year that he didn't win.

Next up is a three-week break before he plans to play all four FedEx Cup playoff events. He has announced that after the Ryder Cup, he will play the Safeway Open that starts the 2016-17 season in Napa, California.

"I wouldn't say the lack of a win this year would be a failure, but it wouldn't be as successful as I want or expect," Mickelson said. "However, I'm optimistic heading into these next few events because I'm starting to hit shots."

Lost in this winless year is that Mickelson is on the verge of qualifying for his 11th straight Ryder Cup team. He has never been a captain's pick. Perhaps even more amazing is that his passion is still high in his 25th year on the PGA Tour.

"It's been very frustrating for me when I arrive to the course and shots aren't coming off," he said. "Trying to hit fades and it's drawing. Ball is not starting down my intended line. All those things have been very frustrating, but that has not been the case this year. The ball is starting down my line. The feel and touch is starting to come back. I'm starting to shoot some good scores. So I'm excited about where it's going."

NBA prospects show up at elite camps

LOS ANGELES—NBA executives and players from around he globe were front-and-center for a unique confluence of sneaker-powered events, with Nike and adidas holding their annual camps in consecutive weeks in Southern California.

First up was the Nike Basketball Academy, which was held at a private airport hangar. It's a beautifully constructed facility that was essentially built from scratch for this event. Twenty collegiate and 60 high school prospects conducted drills in the afternoon and played five-on-five games in the evening, often with NBA players (and Nike endorsers) such as Aaron Gordon, Stanley Johnson, Devin Booker, Isaiah Thomas, Julius Randle, Tyler Ulis, Jordan Clarkson and Jordan McRae.

In addition to the on-court action, the players were invited to participate in cross-fit-style and yoga workouts on the beach in the morning, take part in film studies and Q&A sessions with LeBron James and Anthony Davis, and receive on-court instruction from former NBA players such as Rasheed Wallace, Brian Shaw and Gary Payton. Chris Bosh, Jahlil Okafor, Rudy Gay, Eric Bledsoe, Tristan Thompson and D'Angelo Russell were also roaming around the star-studded event.

Some of the NBA executives and scouts in attendance expressed a degree of disappointment at the level of collegiate prospects Nike brought in compared to last year. That was perhaps inevitable because five of the top 12 players who were selected in the 2016 NBA draft participated in last year's event.

This year's group at the Nike Basketball Academy featured a couple of sleeper first-round prospects in Xavier's Edmond Sumner, Clemson's Jaron Blossomgame, Michigan State's Miles Bridges, SMU's Shake Milton, Iowa State's Monte Morris, Arizona's Allonzo Trier, and Oregon's intriguing big men duo of Chris Boucher and Jordan Bell. Valparaiso's Alec Peters, Baylor's Johnathan Motley, Villanova's Josh Hart and Illinois' Malcolm Hill showed they deserve strong consideration as draft picks as well.

On the flip side, the high school players assembled featured most of the top prospects in the rising senior class, even if the level of play wasn't great due to a lack of structure.

With just one day off in between camps, many NBA scouts elected to stay in Los Angeles and head south to the Long Beach area for adidas Nations, an annual four-day event that is celebrating its 10th year in existence. Having attended every iteration of the event since the first one in New Orleans in 2007, the expectations were clear and the high level of organization and the quality of talent assembled remained impressive.

While the Nike Academy revolves heavily around giving potential future endorsers a chance to interact with an army of current and former NBA players, adidas Nations has more of a "camp feel," so it's far more beneficial to NBA scouts.

MOCC paddlers take July honors

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REPORTER

Marianas Outrigger Canoe Club's men's crew was named Team of the Month (July) during last night's meeting of the Northern Marianas Sports Association.

MOCC's men's team, which was composed of Vince Tudela, Jose Quan, Rich Salas, Angel San Nicolas, Billy Grow, and Jack Kabiriel, earned NMASA's monthly honors after dominating the adults races in the 2016 Mau Fatuul Classic.

In the men's 500m finals, MOC was way ahead of the field after crossing the finish line at the 2:26.44 mark. Saipan Paddling Club checked in at second with its 2:41.36, while Napu Outrigger Canoe Club placed third after posting 2:47.14.

Kabiriel and company were also the winners in the 1,000m finale after completing the four-lap race under six minutes with its 5:47.38. SPC was the runner-up finisher anew with its 6:14.38, while Napu landed at third spot after recording 6:14.89. Both the 500m and 1,000m races were held on Day 1 (July 16) of the annual tournament.

MOCC paddlers then returned at the starting line (Chamolinian Utt) the following day for the long-distance course and picked up where they left off, beating SPC anew. MOCC bets completed the trek from the Chamolinian Utt to Managaha and back in 1:14:11 , more than six minutes ahead of SPC's 1:20:50.

Meanwhile, NMSA president Michael White said the CNMI is invited to the 2017 Pacific School Games.

The competition will be held in Adelaide, Australia from Dec. 2 to 10, and interested athletes/teams from the Commonwealth can contact him for more information.

PSC will have basketball (U12 to U19), diving (10 to 19), soccer (U12, U16, and U18), golf (12 to 17), softball (12 to 17), and touch football (10 to 19) in its calendar of events.

Joeten Motors offers 2016 Ford F150 as hole-in-one prize at TOC

Organizers of the 21st Annual Governor's Tournament of Champions have announced that Joeten Motors is offering a brand new 2016 Ford F150 as a hole-in-one prize for this weekend's tournament.

"Joeten Motors' Ford F150 hole-in-one prize raises the anticipation and excitement for this year's Tournament of Champions," said Ben Babauta, tournament director. "We are extremely thankful for the company's donation and for its longstanding commitment to the Tournament."

"Joeten Motors has always been an enthusiastic supporter of community projects, especially those that promote the CNMI as prime tourist destination," Joeten Motors general manager Matt Deets said. "We wish all the players luck at this year's tournament."

This year's TOC will be played at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort's east and west courses with the two-day event offering bigger and better than ever hole-in-one prizes and cash and raffle prizes for a tournament fee of only $200.

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Joeten Motors representatives and members of the 21st Annual Governor's Tournament of Champions planning committee pose with the 2016 Ford F150 that Joeten Motors is offering as a hole-in-one prize for this weekend's tournament.

First place winners in the men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior and Super Senior Flights will each receive $500 cash, while $400, $300, a GoPro Hero Camera, and $100 DFS gift certificate will go to the second to fifth finishers. The Ladies Low Gross champion will receive $500, $400 will go to the second placer, and $300 to the third. The Top 3 winners in the Ladies Low Net will receive trophies.

Besides the 2016 Ford F150 from Joeten Motors, other hole-in-one prizes are as follows: a brand new 2016 Toyota Highlander from Atkins Kroll, a 2016 Mitsubishi Outlander SE from Triple J Motors, $10,000 cash prize from Pacifica Insurance, two business class tickets to the U.S. from Delta Airlines, one economy class ticket to anywhere in Europe from Asiana Airlines, and one year of free golf from Laolao Bay Golf and Resort.

TOC, since its inception, has given over $700,000 to the Saipan Beautification Fund which has gone directly to the improvements of the tree-lined traffic medians that stretch from Garapan to the former Palms Resort Saipan, as well as the revitalization of the Garapan special district. In addition, TOC also contributed funds for the Paseo de Marianas, the lighting of the Saipan Beach Pathway, and most recently the beautification of the Port to Park pathway.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities for the 2016 TOC, contact Babauta at 483-2563 or Marida Pensader/Nicole Babauta at 236-2530. For player information and to download the registration form, visit www.tocsaipan.com. ***(PR)***

Giants again have crowded backfield in search of run game

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—The New York Giants failed to find a running game with a crowded backfield last season, and the numbers are worse in training camp.

Rashad Jennings, Shane Vereen, Andre Williams and Orleans Darkwa have been joined by fifth-round draft pick Paul Perkins, veteran Bobby Rainey and free agent Marshaun Coprich in the competition to make the roster.

Doling out the carries is not easy, and the running backs need to put them to good use.

With a little more than a week to go until the preseason opener against the Miami Dolphins at MetLife Stadium, Jennings seems to have the inside track on being the No. 1 back.

The eight-year veteran finished last season strong and led the Giants with career highs of 863 yards rushing on 195 attempts, a 4.4 yard average.

However, it marked the third straight year New York failed to generate a 1,000-yard rusher, and the fourth in the past five. The Giants rushing totals in missing the playoffs the past four seasons have been 1,609, 1,603, 1,332 and 1,862 yards.

Running backs coach Craig Johnson doesn't want a running game by committee. He would rather have one back get hot and ride him.

That's what happened with Jennings late last season.

"We allowed him to do some stuff," Johnson said. "We're going to see if we can find the rhythm with a pair and maybe a third guy and, obviously, if it was like we finished the year, like Rashad finished, that would take care of a lot of problems. At the end of the year, he was probably playing as well as any back in football."

If the running game can get going, that would take some of the pressure off Eli Manning and the receivers, who carried the offense.

Getting the running game going is going to take some time and help from the line, which has all five starters back.

Jennings isn't worried about having limited carries with so many backs in camp.

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a lot bigger than Saipan and I think I did well considering it was my first time."

Lee added that his father, with the help of Laolao Bay Golf & Resort's golf course operations manager Tony Satur, will have fundraising events when he competes again next year. The elder Lee shouldered all the expenses of his and his son's trip to San Diego.

The junior golfer Lee also said that he has more than a year to find ways to improve his game and address his weaknesses. "It would help me a lot to concentrate more with every practice. I also have to work on my chipping."

Lee, late last year, won for the second straight time the boys' 11 to 12 division in the 7th Annual BMW Junior Open golf tournament in Guam. He was also a consistent placer in local golf tournaments on Saipan.

Lee started playing golf at the age four under Laolao's Junior Golf Summer Camp. The annual event has more than 20 participants this year with kids' age ranging from 7 to 12 years old.

Satur, Franco Santos, and Harry Nakamura are some of the coaches who oversee the golf side of the camp, while Whispering Palms School board member Kuen Hee Han teaches English to participants, who are mostly Koreans.

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points in the final half with his last three baskets coming from beyond the arc. He also drilled 9 straight markers late in the second half to lift Lower Base to the close win. Shawn Fujihira and Ariel Jinang supported Bazinero in their comeback bid, combining for 11 markers in the final 20 minutes of play.

With the victory, Lower Base joins the unbeaten Kanoa Resort (9-0), Fiesta Resort, and Shirley's Coffee Shop (5-4) to the playoff round.

Shirley's got its fifth win after defeating POI in the curtain-raiser, 75-70.

Jerome Pollisco top-scored for the Shirley's with his 20 points and drew a lot of help from his teammates. John Jugos contributed 17, while Erick Dela Rosa chipped in 14, and Delon Sabino and Angel Catungal added 9 each.

Jugos helped Shirley's keep the lead in the homestretch after knocking down crucial free throws. Shirley's last 6 markers were all made from the foul line with Jugos hitting five and Pollisco having a split.

Ferdie Arago paced the eliminated POI with his 19 points. Jesse Santos tallied 17, while Ramsa Tenepere and Brian Villaluna posted 15 and 11, respectively.

First Game

Shirley's 75 — Pollisco 20, Jugos 17, Dela Rosa 14, Catungal 9, Sabino 9, Palma 4, Bordon.

POI 70 — Arago 19, Santos 17, Tenepere 15, Villaluna 11, Guevarra 8.

Scoring by halves: 40-33, 75-70.

Third Game

Lower Base 53 — Bazinero 22, Jinang 10, Fujihira 10, J. Benavente 6, W. Benavente 5.

JP Mambas 52 — D. Ong 17, De La Torre 12, Raho 6, Ong 6, Calibo 4, Regis 3, Rabago 3, Pagarao 2.

Scoring by halves: 24-35, 53-52.

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facing teams from South Korea, India, the Philippines, and Malaysia.

"Our girls have never played against India, the Philippines, and Malaysia before so we don't know what kind of game they have and with that in mind, we have to prepare our girls for whatever situation they will be facing in China. They have to be mentally tough to play at this much higher level of competition," said Ito.

She added that Suzuki, who will be assisted by Patty Coleman, is working on putting up a defense-oriented team.

From the pool, Suzuki, who conducted the group's training at the TSL Sports Complex yesterday due to the soaked pitch at the Oleai Sports Complex, will select 20 players that will travel to China. The final roster is expected to be announced a week before the team leaves. The CNMI delegation, which will be headed by former Olympian Luam Khen Koo, will depart Saipan for the AFC qualifier on Aug. 26.

The Commonwealth and the four other countries made up Group B of the qualifier. There are three other groups in the competition. Group A is composed of host Thailand, Myanmar, Jordan, Guam, Laos, and Pakistan, while Group C has Iran, Chinese-Taipei, United Arab Emirates, Kyrgyzstan, Singapore, and host Bangladesh. Host Vietnam leads Group D and will be playing against Hong Kong, Palestine, Uzbekistan, Australia, and Iraq.

Only the top finisher in each group will earn slots to next year's championship round, joining early qualifiers North Korea, China, Japan, and Thailand. If Thailand tops Group A, the second placer in the same pool automatically qualifies to the 2017 tournament.

US beats New Zealand in Olympic women's soccer

BELO HORIZONTE, Brazil (AP)—Carli Lloyd and Alex Morgan scored a goal in each half as the U.S. women's soccer team defeated New Zealand 2-0 in its debut at the Rio Games on Wednesday, getting off to a solid start in its attempt to win a fourth straight Olympic gold medal.

Lloyd put the Americans ahead with a header in the ninth minute and Morgan added to the lead with a low shot from inside the area less than a minute into the second half at the Mineirao Stadium in Belo Horizonte.

"That was the best way we could have started," said Tobin Heath, who made the cross that led to Lloyd's goal. "We came out with a lot of energy and a lot of determination. I think in that regards we put our best foot forward and got that goal and I think that helped propel us throughout the game."

The U.S. dominated from the start to earn the convincing victory and remain unbeaten in 2016, with 14 shutouts and only one draw in 16 games.

"I was really pleased that we got the clean sheet," U.S. coach Jill Ellis said. "I thought we moved the ball against a very determined team."

Near the end of the game, many of the nearly 10,000 fans at the stadium chanted "Zika, Zika" at goalkeeper Hope Solo, who before coming to the Olympics upset some Brazilians by tweeting a photo of herself wearing a hat with mosquito netting in a reference to the virus. The chants were repeated after the final whistle.

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New Zealand's Betsy Hassett, left, and United States' Crystal Dunn jump for the ball during a women's Olympic football tournament match at the Mineirao stadium in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2016. United States won, 2-0.

"I'm glad the fans had fun," Solo said. "And if they had fun at my expense, more power to them."

The Americans are trying to become the first team to win the Olympics after succeeding at the World Cup. The Olympic tournament is the first major competition for the U.S. since the retirement of key players such as Abby Wambach and Lauren Holiday following last year's world title in Canada.

The revamped Americans next play France on Saturday, again at the Mineirao.

France and Colombia play the other Group G match later Wednesday, also in Belo Horizonte.

New Zealand, playing in its third consecutive Olympics, barely threatened the U.S. at the Mineirao, which holds more than 60,000 spectators.

Lloyd opened the scoring after Heath beat a couple of defenders just outside the area before making a cross to the far post, where the U.S. captain outjumped a defender to head the ball into the other corner and score her seventh Olympic goal. Lloyd has scored in three straight Olympics, including in the finals both in 2008 in Beijing and 2012 in London.

It was the 89th goal in 225 appearances for the midfielder, who is the most-capped player at the Olympic tournament. She has 13 Olympic appearances, tied with Solo for the most on the team.

Morgan scored the second goal with a low shot by the near post after receiving a pass by Morgan Brian inside the area. It was Morgan's 12th goal of the year, and fifth at Olympic tournaments.

The U.S. is trying to win its fifth gold medal since women's soccer became an Olympic sport in 1996 in Atlanta. The only time it didn't win the Olympics was in 2000 in Sydney, when it lost the final to Norway.

The Americans have a fresh team with 11 Olympic newcomers, although many who made it to Rio were in the World Cup-winning squad in Canada last year.

In addition to playing with a younger team, the U.S. arrived in Rio with some players recovering from injuries, including regular starter Megan Rapinoe, who was on the bench the entire match on Wednesday.

Phelps to carry US flag in opening ceremony

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Michael Phelps has a lot of memorable moments at the Olympics.

This one ranks right up there.

Adding another honor to his remarkable career, Phelps was chosen to carry the U.S. flag in Friday night's opening ceremony at Maracana Stadium.

The pick seemed obvious - Phelps, after all, is the most decorated athlete in Olympic history and will be competing in his fifth Summer Games - but he was clearly overwhelmed Wednesday after being selected in a vote of American athletes representing each sport.

"To lead our country into this Olympics is something, honestly, that I never thought I'd have the opportunity to do," Phelps said.

In fact, this will be the first time he's participated in the opening ceremony, which can be a grueling experience requiring athletes to spend hours on their feet.

As a 15-year-old, his handlers thought it best that he not take part even though he qualified in only one event at the 2000 Sydney Games. At the last three Olympics, Phelps skipped the ceremony to rest up for his first event, the 400-meter individual medley, which was held the next day.

With the 400 IM no longer part of his program, he was available to lead the American team into one of the world's most iconic stadiums.

Phelps got word of his selection Tuesday night.

"I think I had the biggest smile on my face that you could possibly find," he said. "A little bit of emotion came over me. I probably shed a little bit of tears, just of joy."

Phelps will be only the second swimmer to lead the U.S. delegation in the opening ceremony. Gary Hall carried the flag at the 1976 Montreal Olympics.

Phelps has captured 18 golds and 22 medals overall, far more than any other Olympic athlete, and he'll be the first U.S. male swimmer to compete in five Summer Games.

While Phelps did have some concerns about the physical toll of marching in the opening ceremony rather than spending a relaxing night in front of the television, he couldn't pass up the chance to carry the flag.

"It's a no-brainer," he said. "I have to do it. I want to do it."

Phelps will certainly be hard to miss at the Maracana. Ralph Lauren has come up with an ensemble for the U.S. team that provides the flag bearer with an extra touch of flash—a jacket in which the letters "USA" light up across the back.

"I kind of want to steal that jacket," said Ryan Lochte, who is Phelps' roommate in the Olympic village.

While more than half his life has been spent as an Olympian, the 31-year-old Phelps said he can still remember watching coverage of the opening ceremony as a child. Those images of smiling athletes from around the world entering the Olympic stadium always stuck with him.

"As a kid, you're like, 'Yeah, it would be pretty sweet to be able to carry the flag,'" Phelps said, beaming.

Rio organizers get grilled by IOC with games set to open

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—With the Rio de Janeiro Olympics set to open, worried IOC members grilled top organizing officials about traffic jams, water pollution, security, and the absence of signage that gives the games its own distinct look.

International Olympic President Thomas Bach also turned up the pressure Wednesday by talking straight to organizing committee president Carlos Nuzman and CEO Sidney Levy, who tried to soothe almost 100 IOC members.

"It's delivery time," Bach said. "Here we go now. It really starts. We are very confident we will celebrate great games here in Rio and the world will be surprised to see what will happen here."

Bach also cautioned: "All praise is premature now. ... It's too early to celebrate."

Prince Albert of Monaco asked about Rio's severe water pollution, which soils Olympic venues for sailing, rowing, canoeing, triathlon and open-water swimming. Rio treats about half of its raw sewage, dumping the rest into the waters surrounding the area of 12 million people.

"The media has said a lot about the preparations of these games, and they say a lot about the levels of pollution," Albert said. "How worried should we be?"

Rio spokesman Mario Andrada repeated assurances that bacterial pollution levels fall within World Health Organization guidelines. However, organizers have been criticized for the astronomical viral levels in the waters, and for not testing for this kind of pollution.

Then there's surface debris.

"We do have a few problems with the floating garbage," Andrada acknowledged, explaining plans to use a dozen garbage collection boats in the sailing venue. Rio is also using barricades to block the flow of garbage from streams, and helicopters to spot garbage flows.

Swiss IOC member Denis Oswald asked about traffic jams in the run-up to the games, which open Friday.

"Those who've had the opportunity to get to some of the venues have had lots of difficulties," Oswald said.

Rio official Leo Gryner said there were "some constraints" getting the Olympic lane system to work. The lanes are to help get athletes and officials around town quickly. He said city officials were making changes.

"They are making the flow quicker and making sure all the athletes get to training and competition on time," Gyrner said.

Rio commercial officer Renato Ciuchini was asked why there was so little signage—signs that give the games it distinct look and help direct fans to venues. It was suggested the number installed only reached 15 percent.

"We are very confident the supplier will now install everything, but I believe a few will be installed a bit late," Ciuchini said. IOC officials said Christophe Dubi, the Olympic Games executive director, was holding an emergency meeting with the supplier.

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CNMI steps up prep for AFC tourney

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CNMI U16 training pool member Jerlyn Castillo kicks the ball during a scrimmage against the CNMI women's training pool at the TSL Sports Complex.

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Members of the CNMI training pool will go full swing in their preparation for the AFC U-16 Women's Championships 2017 Qualifier.

The pool, which has 26 players, will train from Monday to Friday beginning next week as the Asian Football Confederation-sanctioned tournament is just around the corner. The qualifier will run from Aug. 28 to Sept. 5 in Weifang, China.

"At this time, the girls are training four times a week, having a break very Tuesday and on weekends. But, by next week, coach Take (head coach Taketomo Suzuki), will hold the training sessions five times on weekdays as the girls have a lot of things to work on their game, individually and as a team," said Angie Ito, who has been assisting Suzuki in conducting the pool's regular training sessions since early this year.

"Our players are doing good so far with no major injuries. They are fit. This will be the first time that we will be playing in the girls U16 age group and we want the girls to be prepared for a very tough competition. Some of them have played in the AFC U14 tournament and they experienced how competitive players in that age group were, so just imagine what the U16 players from the participating countries can do," Ito added.

In the AFC event, the Commonwealth players will be

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Lower Base secures semis spot; Shirley's bounces back

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Lower Base's William Benavente attempts an acrobatic shot against POI's Ramsa Tenepere, left, and Raymond Peters during their first round game in the regular season of the Tan Holdings caging at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Lower Base punched the last semis ticket in the 2016 Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League after rallying past JP Mambas, 53-52, last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Lower Base improved its record to 3-6 for fourth place in the team standings, while JP Mambas fell to a 2-7 slate. Both teams have one game left in the double-round robin elimination with Lower Base taking on Fiesta (6-3) and JP Mambas meeting Pacific Oriental, Inc. (1-8) tonight. A Lower Base loss and JP Mambas win would bring the two teams in a deadlock for fourth place (similar 3-7 records) and in this case the former will still prevail in the tiebreak as it defeated the latter twice this season.

JP Mambas wasted an opportunity to avenge its first round loss to Lower Base and boost its playoff bid after squandering a double-digit lead after the break. JP Mambas was ahead by 11 at halftime, 35-24, behind the 11 points of Djay Ong and Ferdie De La Torre's 8 markers.

Lower Base went on to overhaul JP Mambas' lead in the second half, thanks to Joe Bazinero's outside shooting. Bazinero dropped 17 of his 22

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Dandan Middle School student joins world golf event

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Dandan Middle School student Dong Young "Edward" Lee was honored to represent the CNMI in the 2016 IMG Junior World Championships in California last month.

The 12-year-old competed in the boys' 11-12 division of the annual tournament held at the Torrey Pines Golf Course in San Diego. He finished tied for 41st with six other junior golfers in a field of more than 140. Lee had a final score of 8 over 224, the same scores recorded by the U.S.' Joshua Chung, Orlando Coons, Zachary Ong, and Javir Pande, Canada's Freddy Sun, and Japan's Ken Shibata

Lee registered an 8 over 80 in the first round, 1 under 71 in the second, and 1 over 73 in the third. He would have finished as high as seventh place had he scored 1 over 73 in the opening round instead of going 8 over 80. His father, Young Woo, said the younger Lee was doing fine in the first 36 holes but had some trouble in the last 36 to fall in the standings.

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Dandan Middle School student Dong Young "Edward" Lee poses with the CNMI flag during the opening ceremony of the 2016 IMG Junior World Championships held last month in California.

Despite struggling on Day 1 of the tournament, the Dandan Middle School student said he never thought of finishing that high in the tough competition and added that he will be participating in the same event next year.

"It was an awesome experience and it was kind of overwhelming since there were a lot of competitive kids at my age," Lee said. "They came from places that were

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